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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Bereshis בראשית

Creation

The Torah begins with a Beth ב as an omen of blessing, for ב is the first letter of ברכה "blessing." The Aleph however is reserved for אנכי "I am," the first word of the Ten Commandments. The last letters of בראשית בראשית the first words of the Bible spell אמת "truth," as the Psalmist puts it in Psalm 119, verse 160. "The beginning of Thy word is truth. Truth, the Rabbis say, is the seal of the Holy One, Blessed be He" (Talmud Sabbath 55a.)

G-d Created: This fact science does not and cannot dispute. Much ink is wasted in the attempt to reconcile science with the Bible. Our Rabbis in their wisdom said in the Talmud Hagiga 11b, "We should not expound the story of Creation." I interpret this to mean that it is impossible to give any one interpretation which will reconcile science with the Bible, because the science of yesterday is different from the science of today. Let me illustrate what I mean. Before Copernicus and Galileo, the Bible had to be squared with the scientific theories of that time. After the discoveries of Copernicus and Galileo all the former reconciliations were shown to be wrong and a different set of harmonizations had to be and are still continually being made. Recently Einstein came forward with the theory of Relativity and who knows but that in view of this theory all our notions of time may have to be changed and we shall again have to give a new set of explanations with regard to science and the Bible. Perhaps my grandchildren at some later day, shall be called upon to square a new scientific theory concerning space, time and creation with the Bible. The text books of ten years ago are obsolete today. Every decade brings with it many changes, and new theories arise like grass after a rain. Well has the Prophet Isaiah summed up this whole matter when he said in Chapter 40, verse 9, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word

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FEED THEM !!

There are 100,000 starving Jewish children in the liberated countries of Europe—many of them war orphans—for whom the war's close did not bring an end to misery. To help save them in time KOSHER FOOD FOR JEWISH CHILDREN OF EUROPE which is sponsored by outstanding leaders of World Jewry, has shipped thousands of Kosher Food Packages to war-devasted Europe. In order to continue to send these Kosher Food Packages, huge sums of money are urgently needed and must be immediately forthcoming before it is too late. A closed appeal for funds was made at our Synagogue on Shemini Atzeres, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. M.E. Sanders, Chairman, H. Kaplan, M. Berlin, B. Lax and Wm. Etra, was formed. If you were not present at the Synagogue then, we appeal to you NOW. Express your gratitude for having been spared the horrors of war by bringing succor to these children who have suffered innocently these past years! Send your generous contribution to Food For the Jewish Children of Europe Inc., c/o West Side Institutional Synagogue.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of the monument erected in memory of Bessie Havel, wife of our esteemed member, Joseph Havel, will take place at our Memorial Park, Mt. Eden Cemetery, on Sunday, October 7th, at 3:30 P.M. Rabbi Singer will officiate. Those who desire to go by train, the train leaves Grand Central at 2:25 P.M. and arrives at Mt. Pleasant at 3:18 P.M.

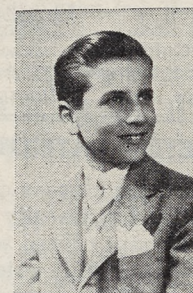
MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will have their first meeting of the season on Monday night, October the 8th, 8:30 P.M. at our Synagogue. The final plans for the proposed alterations will be submitted for approval at this meeting.

CHASSANIM PARTY

The entire Congregation is invited to join the gala reception tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 P.M. tendered by our Simchas Torah Chassanim, Mr. Lester Udell, Mr. Israel Kestenbaum and Mr. Wm. B. Herlands.

BAR MITZVAH



Joseph Geldzahler

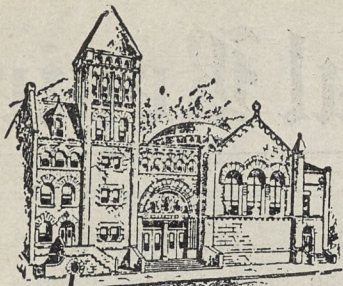
Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Geldzahler upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joseph which will be held this Shabbos in our Synagogue.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

The Buddy Friedman Post #297 will have their second meeting of the season on Wednesday night, October 10th, at 8:30 P.M. at our Synagogue. All veterans are requested to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A Special Board Meeting of the Women's League will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, 1:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, 440 West End Avenue. All members of the Board are urgently requested to attend as business of importance will be discussed.



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PEACETIME PATRIOTISM

There are three classes of citizens, one represented generally by holders of government office, who make sure to register and vote so that they may be retained in office. Another is represented by members of the party not in office hoping and praying that their party will be returned to office so that they may get the jobs in government. There is the third class who have no jobs, and who pay for the cost of government but do not take voting too seriously. However, after election they usually are the loudest to complain about this or that office holder. We urge all citizens to register so that their desires may be fully expressed at the polls.

The right to register and to vote is one of the most important attributes of American citizenry. Most people have an idea that patriotism is only expressed in wartime. On the contrary, there is also a peacetime patriotism which is almost as important as that of the wartime patriotism. To register and to vote is one aspect of peacetime patriotism. Let us all be patriotic.



230th COMMANDMENT

The Wages of a Hired Man Shall Not Abide With Thee

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I

If one has the money he may not delay the payment of wages for it is said in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 13, "The wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until the morning." If he has not the money he should pay him later. Where a man works at night the Bible says the time for payment shall be all day as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 24, Verse 15, "During the same day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun come down upon it; for he is poor and setteth his heart upon it;

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lest he cry against thee to the L--d and it be a sin unto thee." Although we have here two verses, they do not imply two commandments. The second verse from Deuteronomy is merely a compleemnt or the other half of the commandment. Thus these two verse make provision for the worker who works either during the day or during the night.

He can fast a whole day but no longer. Therefore his pay should not be delayed any longer. The Holy One Blessed be He desires that everything that He created should exist. Delaying one's sustenance hurts the body therefore one is commanded to pay the hired servant immediately so that he may be properly supported. Thus we understand why the limit has been set for a day. Man fasts for a day, but should not be forced to fast longer. The same law applies if he hired one's utensils or animals, payment for the hire must not be delayed. If one was hired by the week or the month or the year and the contract terminates during the night his payment may be paid during that whole day. If it terminated any time during the day it may be paid during the whole night until sunrise.

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of our G-d shal stand forever." Let me quote here something I read recently: "It would be an exceedingly wise procedure if those who frequently quote Charles Darwin, the eminent English scientist, beyond the bounds of the theories he proposed, and do so in a dogmatic spirit, would carefully consider the following words of Darwin: "I feel most deeply that this whole question of creation is too profound for the human intellect. A dog might as well speculate on the mind of Newton! Let each man hope and believe what he can." How different is the tenor of these words from the spirit which is so frequently manifested by many who claim discipleship with the great mind. These foks do Darwin spare honor who are given to hobbyizing on just part of the theories advanced by him. Nothing is so dangerous as just half of the truth about anybody or anything. The foregoing quotation from Darwin clearly indicates that of those words we find in Isaiah, that he himself had some apprecia-

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Darwin, this great man of science, is not alone in bowing to the great fact that — after man has exercised his G-dgiven powers of reason to the very best of his ability in his endeavor to reason out life, and account for all that is apparently natural, all that is mysterious and supernatural — there are still great depths unfathomed, great heights unreached, and horizons so broad that man's best mental capacities are too limited to embrace them. To scientist and all the rest of us alike there is an overwhelming sense of that fact that there is something that is greater than the measure of man's mind. That something to me is G-d."

CONDOLENCE

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. RAE MICHAELS upon the loss they have recently sustained.

BIBLICAL SITES ON STAMPS

By Joseph Elias Davidson, AB. LLB.

Bereshith



In Vol. I, of our Review we treated the four Rivers of Eden, the first of which, Pison, has not been definitely identified, but which was believed to be the Danube. The other three Gihon, Hiddekel and P'rath are the Nile, the Tigris and the Euphrates respectively, and these rivers are depicted on stamps, the Nile, on a stamp of Egypt, the Tigris, on one of Iraq, and the Euphrates, on a Syrian stamp.

The Garden of Eden (Paradise) which was watered by these four streams, had been intended by the Almighty as a home for our first parents and their descendants, which was forfeited, as we learn, by their listening to the serpent instead of heeding the command of their Creator.

Talmudic references: There are several allusions to Eden and its rivers in the Talmud. In Sanhedrin, the following passage from Isaiah (LXIV-4) is quoted:

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, Oh G-d, beside Thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him."

The question then is asked "What does 'No eye hath seen Oh G-d besides thee' refer to? Resh Lakish states as follows: "This refers to the Eden which no eye has seen. If one ask "Where did Adam dwell then?" Adam dwelt only in the Garden not in all of Eden; and lest one say that the Garden and Eden are both one and the same, we read, "and a river went out of Eden to water the Garden."

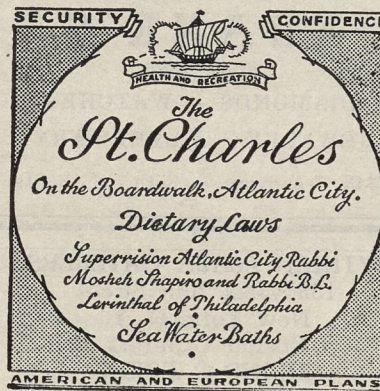
PRAYER SCHEDULE

Prayer for new month—Cheshvan
Rosh Chodesh— Sunday & Monday
Portion of the Week: **Bereshith**
Friday Lighting Candles 5:15
Mincha 5:20
Saturday Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Mincha 4:00
followed by Seudah

Sabbath Terminates 6:01

Daily Services

Sunday Morning Rosh Chodesh
..... 6:45, 8:30
Monday Morning Rosh Chodesh
..... 6:40, 7:50, 8:20
Morning 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 5:15
Class in Schulchan Aruch conducted
by Rabbi Goldstein will follow.



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By Morris Jablow

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GETTING PERSONAL

Rabbi Goldstein had a busy time last week. He delivered the invocation at the Reception and Dinner in honor of the Chief of Chaplains, Robert D. Workman at Delmonico. The Rabbi also attended a luncheon given by Governor Lehman at the Waldorf where the Executive Committee in charge of UNNRA clothing collection proceeded to the pier to send 100,000 pounds of clothing abroad . . . he also opened the meeting of the American Religious Palestine Fund at the Savoy . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gold- man, parents of a new born bouncing boy . . . and to our Director Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jacobs, the grand- parents . . . Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. David Gertz . . . nee Mollie Gerstein formerly head of our office staff . . . it is a girl . . . Aunt Pearl (Mrs. Harold Kaplan) has another niece. . . Lt. Paul Newman son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Newman is now in Honolulu for special work . . . The children of the Hebrew School wish to express their thanks to Miss Josephine Goldstein who helped single- handedly in the preparation of their Succah Party . . . "By the sweat of . . . her . . . brow shall ye eat . . . cake . . . "Congratulations to Mr. Gustave Roth who has been appointed Gabbai of the Chevra T'hilim . . . A very fine afternoon was spent at the home of Rabbi Goldstein on Shemini Atzeres . . . besides the physical food and drink we drank of the Fountain of Wisdom of the Rabbis Hurwitz and Singer . . . and enjoyed the comments and remarks made by Jacob Kaplan, Max E. Sanders, A.M. Davis, Samuel Siegel, Lester Udell, Harold Kaplan, Israel Kestenbaum, Joe Settel, Sam Beier, Aaron Wartels, Julius Bayer, Morris Jablow and soldier boy, Harold Wohl . . . By the way . . . the physical food and drinks were served by the new additional charming young hostesses Sylvia Kestenbaum, Gladys Elkins and Ritta Belsey . . . Did you know that Robert Breitbart was promoted to the Captancy . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Max Frank . . . Did you boys forget to bring a beautiful gift to the Mrs. upon your wedding anniversary? How about it Julius Bayer and you Joseph Shapiro, Isadore Ehrman and Al Rappaport . . . Happy Birthday to Mrs. Jack Levine, Mr. Sam Mandelbaum, Director G.R. Rubinstein, Carl Starman, Doris Trotzky . . . Lester Udell and his good wife were genial and gracious hosts at the Simchas Torah party.

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