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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Lech L'choh — לך לך

"AND THE LORD SAID UNTO ABRAM, GET THEE FROM THY LAND FROM THY BIRTHPLACE AND FROM THY FATHER'S HOUSE." In planning to make Abram a progenitor of a new nation G-d found it necessary, in order to restore the old purity of religion, to command him to make a complete break with all former family ties, acquaintances, and territorial attachments.

"AND THOU SHALT BECOME A BLESSING" ברכה Not only will Abram and his race be blessed, but they will become veritable blessings to all who welcome them. Blessing or ברכה also implies, as the Midrash points out, a purifying force. ברכה is thus derived from בריכה meaning "a pool."

"AND IN THEE (ABRAM) SHALL ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED." According to some, (see Talmud Yebamos 63a,) this clause should be rendered, "And They Will Be Engrafted On Thee All The Families Of The Earth." From the greatest and best family tree of the Gentile world scions were engrafted on the Israelitish tree, as, for instance, Ruth, the Moabitess, a descendant of King Eglon, Rabbi Akiba, Shemayah, and Abtalion. They found no spiritual rest and satisfaction until they united themselves with the Jewish people. Judaism, however, unlike the other faiths, does not encourage proselytism, but, on the contrary, discourages.

"AND IT SHALL BE A SIGN OF THE COVENANT BETWIXT ME AND YOU." (The Circumcision), the act itself is the covenant. The mark left is the sign.

"AND HE THAT IS EIGHT DAYS OLD SHALL BE CIRCUMCISED" Etc. We wait until the eighth day in order that the infant should have passed through a Sabbath so that when he enters the covenant with its sign, he

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Women's League Annual Luncheon Ambassador Hotel December 11, 1945



Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel

There is a great deal of enthusiasm in our Women's League concerning the forthcoming annual Donor Luncheon which is to be held at the Ambassador Hotel Park Avenue and 52nd Street on Tuesday morning, December 11, 1945 at 11:30 o'clock.

This year's program will include among other attractions an outstanding Musicales featuring artists from the Metropolitan Opera House.

Among those who are working whole-heartedly together with their dynamic and spirited chairman, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, for the success of this function are Mrs. George L. Livingston, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Harry Ward, Treasurer, and Mrs. Lester Udell, Co-Treasurer, Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg and Mrs. Jess Ward, Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of Prizes and Mrs. Allen Fox, Chairman of Bon Subscriptions, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Chairman of Programs, and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, President of the Women's League.

MEN'S CLUB

The next regular meeting of the Men's Club of the W.S.I.S. will take place on Monday, October 22, 1945, in our club room. A committee will report upon the arrangements for an essay contest on "AMERICANISM!" for neighboring public and parochial schools, sponsored by the Men's Club and the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 JWV. Members of the Buddy Friedman Post are also cordially invited to attend this meeting. All veterans not affiliated are invited to join the Men's Club.

Refreshments will be served.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Classes of Laymen's Institute will begin on Wednesday evening, Oct. 24th. Therefore, all are requested to complete their registration before this date by mail or phone.

List of Courses

1. Hebrew (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced.)
2. Yiddish.
3. What Is Judaism?
4. Movements and Trends in Jewish History.
5. Books That Made Judaism.
6. Highlights of Rashi and other Commentaries on the Weekly Portion of the Law.
7. History of the Jews in American Democracy.

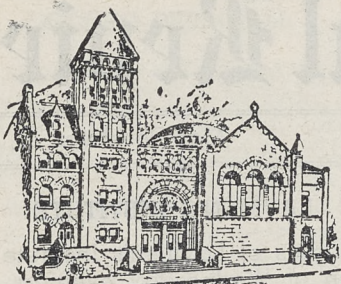
SCOUTING

Our Scouting Clubs are well on their way for the coming season with Morty Cohen as Cub Master, Capt. Frank Fink, Boy Scout Master, Sandy Josephson, who was recently discharged from the Army, where he served as a Lieutenant in the Air Forces and received a citation for heroism, as Skipper of the Sea Scouts and Emanuel Fine, Neighborhood Commissioner of the Boy Scouts. All boys interested in Scouting are urged to join our units.

The meeting of the Parents and Cubs on Wednesday, October 17th was very successful. The following were selected as officers and committee men of Pack 523: Emanuel Fine, Chairman, Morton Cohen, Secretary-Treasurer, Cub Master, Rabbi P. H. Singer, Honorary Cub Master, Joseph Sage, and George Kahn.

Troop 530 selected as members of its committee, Albert H. Cohen, Chairman, Emanuel Fine, Dr. M. Graubart, Henry J. Klein, Nathan K. Gross.

Sea Scout Ship 1030 selected as members of its committee, Sanford L. Josephson, Skipper, Jules Howard, Chairman, Emanuel B. Jacobs and Aaron Gross.



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The Bane of American Jewish Life

During National Jewish Education week when all synagogues are campaigning for increased registration in their Hebrew schools, we should encourage the children to continue their religious education after Bar Mitzvah. Only the parent can bring about the understanding that Jewish education is not a process which ends in the Hebrew school upon Bar Mitzvah, but rather is one which inaugurates it. The parent can accomplish this in two ways. First, by sending the child to Hebrew School at the early age of six, simultaneously with enrollment in the elementary public school. Thus, the child will regard both phases of education on an equal basis and devote the same attention and interest to both. Secondly, the parent can help the child imbibe the true spirit and value of Jewish education by example. The parent, as a layman, can best illustrate that the Bible and Jewish education were not intended for the rabbi only, by attending the Adult Laymen's Institute to supplement his own knowledge of Judaism. American Jewry must take up the torch of the Torah
P. H. S.



231st COMMANDMENT Not to Curse an Israelite By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I
We are forbidden to curse an Israelite, employing the name of G-d, even if he or she is unable to hear the curse as it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 14, "Thou shalt not curse the deaf." Since the Bible makes a particular reference to the deaf, the rabbis ask, whence do we know that it refers to any Israelite? The answer is that the Bible further says, "Among thy people thou shalt not curse," which means any one of thy people. The question then arises why is that the deaf are singled out? We might think that the deaf are

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like the dead who cannot hear, therefore the Bible adds the injunction in regard to the deaf, who might otherwise be classified among the dead.

As to the matter of cursing, it seems that all people of all nations are concerned about cursing and the cursed one is generally disturbed. First of all we are not to do any harm with our mouths since most people are afraid of cursing. G-d gave us speech for prayer and for elevating purposes and not for any thing that degrades. We read, "And He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living soul." Genesis, 2 Verse 7. The Targum renders it "a speaking spirit" namely a personality endowed with the faculty of having and expressing his thoughts in speech. In other words, we have been given the power to influence or affect someone else with speech. Just as the mouth can do good, so can it do evil. When one curses it worries the cursed one. Another reason for the ban on cursing is that this would do away with strife among people. The purpose of our commandment is to increase peace.

SEDRAH

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shall have also passed through the oother important sign, that of the holy Sabbath as we read in Exodus, Chapter 31 verses 16 and 17. "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to bserve the Sabbath throughout their generation for a ברית עולם "perpetual covenant." It is an אות a sign between me and the children of Israel forever, etc."

The earliest possible infancy was chosen so that the pain be reduced to a minimum.

CLUB 198

All boys age 14 to 16 and girls 13½ to 15½ are requested to attend the first meeting of Club 198 which will be held in our Synagogue on Saturday night, October 20th, at 8 P.M.

FROM RABBI'S MAILBAG

Hq., ATSC

PO Box 974, Area "A"

Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

My dear Rabbi,

I want you to know how much I enjoyed reading your article, "Modernity, Broadmindedness and Religion." What you say there has been said before. But the manner in which you say it is particularly clear. And from the clarity should come greater understanding for those who may think that there is a conflict between science and religion.

When you write that "religion must lead mankind and not apologetically trail behind it," I presume that you have in mind to explain to laymen what it is that is the mission of religion, and also to call to the attention of religious leaders the fact that their attitude must be an affirmative one, with a consciousness of leadership. In this respect, if either laymen or religious leaders do not bear in mind what you have written then society will suffer from neglect of an institution which could be a tremendous force for good.

With all good wishes,

Capt. Bernard Levmore

FOOD FOR JEWISH CHILDREN OF EUROPE

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Portion of the Week: Lech Lchoh

Friday Lighting Candles	4:53
Mincha	5:00
Saturday morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Singer's Class	4:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	4:00
Mincha	5:00
Sabbath Terminates	5:44

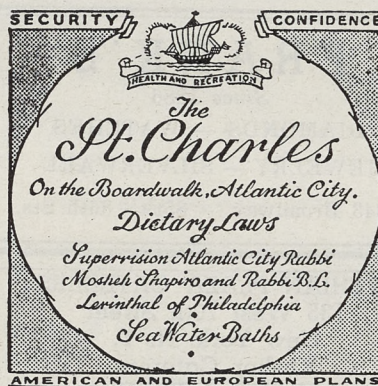
Daily Services:

Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:00

Followed by Class in Schulchan
Aruch conducted by Rabbi Goldstein

YOUTH MINCHA SERVICES

Youth Mincha Services will be conducted this Shabbos afternoon by David Buchsbaum, as Reader of the Torah, Hillel Meyers, as Chazan, and Morton Cohen, Speaker.



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CHIATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

I listened to a conversation between two members, concerning a matter which should interest you.

Said one, "Why do you people have so many appeals in this Synagogue? You are unreasonable in expecting those who attend services to repeatedly respond to requests for money. I am afraid that by persisting you will drive away many people."

The other gentleman replied, "Please remember that these appeals are not made in behalf of our Institution, but for other worthy causes, — institutions of learning, people in Europe who are suffering extreme hardships, United Jewish Appeal, Hias, and other institutions doing important work. As an orthodox Congregation, is it our bounden duty to participate actively in helping these causes and to do everything in our power to persuade our congregants to contribute liberally. A little reflection on your part should convince you that a basic tenet of our religion is being observed. No one should resent our attitude. On the contrary, we should be encouraged and co-operated with, in our efforts."

How do you, our readers, stand on this question? We will welcome your opinions.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Welcome to our new members, Jack Berens, Armand Drucker, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Elkins, A. Finkelstein, Rosa Goldstein, Harold Norman Reich, Miss Rose Schreibersdorf, Irving Schulman, H. Squire, Herman Stern, Mrs. M. Tanger . . . We are sure they will be assets to our Congregation . . . Good to see in the Synagogue, Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler, who by the way, already reserved seats for next High Holy Days . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Julian Roeder, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenman, Mr. Simon Fuchs and son Joseph and Mr. Abe Levy, chief campaigner for Yeshiva College and Corporal Simeon H. F. Goldstein, and Pvt. Louis Kaplan son of our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan . . . Alexander Kirsh, who has made frequent donations of glassware, is a welcome regular visitor at this office. He claims the title of Sunday Chairman . . . Emanuel Fine deserves our gratitude for his untiring activity in our Boy Scout Department . . . Many warm thanks to our good member Joseph Schwartz for his successful efforts in obtaining a substantial part of our coal supply for the winter . . . Congratulations to Dorothy Rosner and Carl Frouman who were married in our building last Sunday . . . Mose Goodman is busy supervising some painting work. Thanks . . . Did you notice the long list of men and women who made donations for the Hungry Children of Europe, in response to the appeal in our Synagogue? . . . Have you sent your contribution? . . . Happy Birthday to Alan Fox and Sheila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ullman . . . A note of appreciation to Dave Buchsbaum, Morty Cohen and Ralph Kestenbaum for their assistance in conducting the Junior Congregation . . . We hope Mrs. Richard Ullman will have a speedy recovery . . . Lester Lazarus our representative at Harvard Law School was in to pay us a visit . . . and did Proud Father Max beam.

CONDOLENCE

To Benjamin Tilem upon the loss of his father

ABRAHAM TILEM
and to the family of
SALFIT TONKONOGOFF.

May the Almighty comfort you and all mourners of Zion.

ENGLAND— . . . The British Government has refused the request of the Arab League to permit the return to Palestine of Haj Amin el Husseini, ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem . . . Dr. Radomir Zivkovic, Yugoslav member on the United Nations War Crimes Commission, disclosed his government did not demand the extradition to Yugoslavia, of the ex-Mufti but has listed him as a war criminal . . .
POLAND— . Anti-semitic acts may become a punishable crime in Poland, in a new law being considered by the Polish National Council. A special parliamentary commission has been appointed to investigate recent anti-Semitic outbreaks. Several arrests have been made . . .

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