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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Hospitality

"And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked and lo three men stood by him: and when he saw them he ran to meet them from the tent door."

These men were angels, (see Chapter 19, Verse 1), who were entrusted with three errands, one was to overthrow Sodom and Gomorrah, the second was to cure Abraham after he had been circumcized and the third was to rescue Lot's wife and his family. Physically these three angels appeared just like men.

Abraham it appears was visited at this moment with a Divine revelation and there appeared at the same time an occasion for a good deed. The question was—should he desert his meditations for a good deed? Abraham decided of course to give preference to the good deed. He begged G-d for forgiveness and asked Him not to leave until he had performed the act of merit as we read, "And Abraham said, 'My L--d if not I haven't found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray Thee from Thy servant.'" To accommodate a needy wayfarer has preference even above the highest stage of Divine Communion.

Promises

(Abraham said): Rest yourselves under a tree and I will fetch a morsel of bread and comfort ye your hearts. Kindly note here that not only did Abraham give them water to drink but he also gave them, "The calf which he had dressed and set it before them: And he sat by them under a tree and they did eat." The righteous promise little but do much. On the other hand in the next Sedrah the case of Ephron the Hittite who promised much and did little. Abraham wanted to buy the cave of Machpelah from Ephron, the Hittite and asked him how much he wanted for it. Ephron answered, "I give it to you for nothing. Take it." Ephron certainly said much in this speech but in the next breath he added,

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NAVY DAY

Commander Douglas Vernon of the Chaplain Corps, U.S.N.R., who was the first to land on Tarrawa will speak in our Synagogue this Shabbos morning on Navy Day.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Rabbi Goldstein Resumes Bible Class

All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend our next Regular Meeting and Session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which will be held at our Synagogue building on Monday afternoon, October 29th at 2 o'clock. Rabbi Goldstein's subject will be: "Great Women in Jewish History."

A social hour will follow the meeting with Mrs. Annie Mirken and Mrs. Albert H. Cohen as hostesses.

Food and Clothing Drive

We are now engaged in a "Food and Clothing Drive" for the destitute Jews of Europe. Won't you bring a package with you to the meeting, regardless of how small it is? Following are the articles needed: Canned kosher meat, canned gefilte fish, canned vegetable fat, canned or boxed powdered milk, canned condensed milk, canned kosher soups, sugar, rice, cocoa, coffee, tea, soap, canned fruits canned vegetables dextrose sugar (Dyno), (non-rationed for sale in drug stores), Schmerling cheese, tooth brushes, tooth powder, chocolate bars, cigarettes.

Note: Please do not have any items packed in glass for overseas shipment.

Warm clothing of every kind for men, women and children will be most welcome.

Women's League Luncheon

If you have not already made your reservation for the Women's League Luncheon which is to be held on Tuesday, December 11th, at the Ambassador Hotel, you may do so, by sending immediately your check of \$15 made out to the Women's League of the W.S.I.S. to Mrs. Harry Ward, Treasurer, care of the Synagogue.

61ST ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth

Congratulations to our beloved patriarch and matriarch, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth upon the celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary.

FREE MOVIE FOR CHILDREN

All Jewish children of this neighborhood are invited to attend a movie which is being sponsored by our Hebrew School at the 77th St. Theatre, B'way and 77th St., this Sunday morning, Oct. 28th, at 10 o'clock.

Admission by ticket which may be obtained at the Synagogue Office.

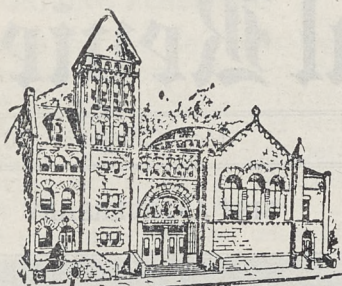
YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be conducted this Shabbos by Jean Paul Weil as the Reader of the Torah, Seymour Bernstein, Chazan and Manfred Kochen, speaker.

FOOD FOR CHILDREN OF EUROPE

Additional Contributors

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"HOOVER ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY"

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover is to be commended for his forthright statement placing the blame for the teen-age delinquency upon the parents.

Recently some young people were asked as to what time they came home and they said "2 o'clock in the morning." "Don't your parents object?" was the next question. They shot back with the answer, "Our parents, they were out till all hours of the morning. Why our parents use just as foul language as we do. They drink like a fish. They're no better than we are."

The best preachment is "example." Unless the parents of America will symbolize to their children pure thinking and clean speech, prayer services, sacrifices for the noble and the good, the coming generation will be lost.

If parents will be parents, and rise above their children, and not become pals, stooping to lower levels, the next generation is safe.



21ST COMMANDMENT

"Not to Curse an Israelite"

II

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The Rambam (Maimonides) says that the prohibition against cursing is not so much as to the way it affects the cursed one but as to the way it affects the person who cursed. It has a bad influence on the person who curses. It also leads to revenge and anger. Thus observing this Commandment, will hallow and improve the one who wants to curse and it will cure his body and mind and spirit and prevent his lower nature from getting control of him.

The laws concerning this commandment are that it is forbidden to curse even without mentioning G-d's name, although there is no physical

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punishment for same. Our Rabbis have laid down the principle that one may be פטור אבל אסור he may be פטור "free from stripes but it is forbidden." If one curses employing G-d's name, he is to receive stripes. One may not employ any circumlocution of the saying of G-d's name, as for instance, the Almighty, etc. One may not curse in any language. If one curses himself, he is to receive stripes, as we read in Deuteronomy: "Take heed and guard your own soul very much." These laws prevail at all times and at all places and refer to male and female alike. An Israelite who transgresses it and intentionally curses employing the name of G-d or any circumlocution, breaks the commandment. If there are witnesses and the persons warn him that he will receive stripes for transgressing the law, and he breaks the law, he is punished with stripes. This is one of the three negative commandments where although the person while violating a commandment does not perform any act thereby, receives stripes. The other two are (2) the prohibition against swearing with G-d's name falsely and (3) not to change or substitute anything for that which is holy or belongs to the Sanctuary.

SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

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"And what is a piece of land worth, 400 shekels of silver between you and me." Abraham immediately gave him the 400 shekels which Ephron took unhesitatingly. Thus though he had promised much, he really did little. On the other hand when Abraham entertained the Angels he asked them to come into his tent to have merely a piece of bread but when they sat down to eat they found that Abraham had prepared an elaborate repast. Abraham had the proper conception of promising little but doing much.

Heritage

"For I know Him that He will command His children and His household after Him." Abraham so firmly inculcates his instructions into the minds of those about him that his children and household observe his commandments not only while he is alive but even after his death when

the force of parental pressure is gone.

Intentions

"And they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." There are some people who are kind-hearted and thus practice benevolence, but do this not in accordance with the way it is prescribed by the divine regulations. This is doubly deficient, first, because it is contrary to the way of the Lord and, second, because it is merely the gratification of a selfish pleasure. Unfortunately we have many examples of this today in a number of public institutions, which are conducted entirely contrary to the ways of the Torah. The wealthy supporters are prompted by a noble motive, namely, philanthropy, but their philanthropy is against the law of God. Just as we read in the Kuzari, "Thy intent is pleasing, but thy deed is displeasing," or as Samuel Johnson put it, "The way to hell is paved with good intentions."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A PEERLESS WORKER



Mrs. Anna R. Morris

PALESTINE—The diamond industry is seriously threatened by refusal of the Diamond Syndicate in London to increase supplies of raw diamonds . . . There are only 900 unemployed Jews in Palestine today . . . A new settlement, named after Chief Rabbi Herzog, was dedicated this week on the site of the birthplace of the prophet Amos. An advance group, including 20 boys who arrived a month ago from Bergen-Belsen, have erected the stockade and temporary living quarters. . . Army orders placed with Palestine Jewish industry during the war amounted to \$140,000,000 . . . The Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce has received inquiries from 36 countries desiring to establish trade relations with Palestine . . . Palestine's exports for the first quarter of 1945 amount to \$18,745,000 as compared with \$12,750,000 for the same period in 1944. Imports for the same time rose from \$34,215,000 to \$41,830,000.

ENGLAND—Despite tension in Palestine, the delegation of Arab and Jewish citrus growers now in London are working together to increase the export of citrus fruit from Palestine . . . Anti-Semitism will never prevail in Britain because Christianity will defend the rights of the Jews, declared the Archbishop of Canterbury at the annual meeting of the Council of Christians and Jews.

FOR INFORMATION

about one grave or a plot in our Memorial Park at Mt. Eden Cemetery telephone our office, TR. 7-8281.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Vayerah

Lighting of Candles.....	4:42
Mincha	4:45
Saturday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Singer's Class	3:45
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	3:45
Mincha	4:45
Sabbath Terminates	5:33

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:50

Followed by Class in Schulchan Aruch, conducted by Rabbi Goldstein.

A. I. Y. OF MIDTOWN

The Agudath Israel Youth of Midtown will have an open meeting this Sunday night, October 28th, at 8:30 P. M. at our Synagogue. All young people interested in their brethren abroad and in spending an interesting evening are urged to attend.

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow

You, our readers, are not doubt interested to learn about the activities that are fostered in our building.

There are a number of groups composed of young men and women who have been meeting regularly upon our premises and who are now resuming their work for the fall and winter seasons.

One of the most active groups are the Scouts. There are now three branches. The Boy Scouts Troop, composed of boys above the ages of 12; the Sea Scouts composed of boys of the age of 15 years and over, and the Cub Pack composed of boys of the ages between 9 and 12.

In the past we also had a Girl Scout group composed of girls of the age of 12 and over. Right now we need a young woman qualified to lead such a group. Are any of you willing to volunteer as a leader? You will be surprised how much real pleasure you will derive from such an avocation.

All of us should take pride in the way we succeed in attracting the young people to our building.

GETTING PERSONAL

Happy Birthday Cards to our directors, Harold Kaplan, Samuel W. Siegel, Morris Steinberg . . . Likewise to Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Jesse Leonard Greenstein, Mrs. Jack Levine, Mrs. Anna R. Morris, Arline Ruth Kaufman, Arthur Abramson, little Judith Bernstein, grandchild of our director and Mrs. George L. Livingston and to Marilyn Dattlebaum, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Friedman . . . Her parents, Sgt. and Mrs. Mervin J. Dattlebaum celebrate their third wedding anniversary . . . Wishes for Refuah Shlemah to Thelma Spanbock . . . We are glad to hear that Mrs. Warren R. Goldsmith is off the sick list . . . Did you know that Leona Kessler is now away on a trip to Omaha, Nebraska . . . We will all be out on the Drive to wave hello to Morty Langer and Lawrence Squire who are coming in on the Missouri on Navy Day . . . Glad to see in Synagogue as as civilian Sid Harris and Norman Ostrow, son-in-law of our dear director and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum, whose family was well represented by having with us also their daughter, Betty—our delegate to Cornell . . . and to complete the picture their son, David read the Torah at the Sabbath Mincha Service . . . what a resonant baritone . . . Saul Strassberg, son-in-law of director and Mrs. Wm. Horwitz was promoted to rank of lieutenant commander . . . We were honored with the presence of Lieut. Renee Block of the French Army, grandson of the Chief Rabbi (Av Bes Din) of France . . . and boy was Elias Merkin glad to be able to have a French conversation . . . Marilyn Mirken's boy friend, Midshipman Mac Cohen was in Synagogue . . . Happy to have Mrs. Herman Herring attending regularly Saturday morning services . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Hillel Meyers . . . it's a boy . . . Hillel must have prayed hard at the Youth Mincha Services last week . . . Flash . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen are grandparents again . . . it's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenfield . . . It's nice to watch Harry wheel the carriage with his other cute red-haired granddaughter . . . May you have much nachas . . . Rabbi Lifschitz is not going to see Tojo. Instead he has been assigned to the Great Lakes area . . . We hope Mrs. Irving Kabrin has fully recovered.

CONDOLENCE

Our deepest sympathies to our Director Adolph Meirowitz upon the loss of his mother **GOLDA MEIROWITZ** and to Louis Cohen upon the loss of his father **MORRIS DAVID COHEN**. May the Almighty comfort you among the rest of the mourners of Zion.

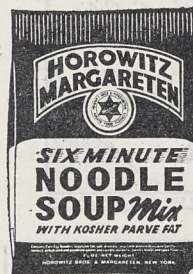
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