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## SIDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Chayah Sorah

### Succession

**"And Sarah was a Hundred and Seven and Twenty Years Old; These were years of the life of Sarah."**

The story of Sarah's death is placed immediately after the story of the birth of Rebecca, as a sign of hope, as King Solomon put it in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 1, verse 4, "One generation cometh, but the earth endureth for ever." There is another lesson in this correlation of the birth of Rebecca and the death of Sarah as we read again in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 1, verse 5. "The Sun Riseth and the Sun Setteth," or, as the Rabbis put it, "before the sun of the righteous sets, the sun of another rises." Thus before (the sun of) Sarah set, there shone forth (the sun of) Rebecca. The world is never left without the protection of the righteous. We have another beautiful expression of this thought in the first book of Samuel, Chapter 3 verses 3 and 4, where it says, "Before the lamp of the Lord was extinguished (referring to Eli), the Lord called Samuel." In Talmudic times we find that on the day Rabbi Akiba died, Rabbi Judah, the Prince, was born.

"And Sarah died in Kirjath-Arba (meaning the 'The City of the Four'), The same is Hebron in the Land of Canaan," etc. Why is it called the city of four? Either because it was founded and dominated by four giants (see Numbers, Chapter 13, verse 22), or because four couples were to be buried there, — namely, Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah.

### Mourning

**"And Abraham Come to Mourn for Sarah, and to Weep for Her."** Mourning and weeping are actuated by two different motives. Mourning is for the purpose of stimulating the people who come to pay their respects to the dead, to a higher life, as the Rabbis say in the Talmud in Berachos, "The purpose of all eulogy is that the living derive therefrom some moral lesson." "Weeping," on the other hand, is a relief to the afflicted, broken-hearted sufferers."

## MEN'S CLUB

The next regular meeting will be held this Monday evening at 8:30.

Moe Oltarsh, the President, promises to make this meeting especially enjoyable. Come and bring your gentlemen friends with you.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

On Monday afternoon, November 5th at two o'clock, the Women's League will hold its monthly open meeting.

The very fascinating and interesting Helen Metzler will review some of the current Broadway plays and a treat is in store for all who attend.

Mrs. David Elkins is in charge of the Social Hour which will follow the meeting. All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

## The Luncheon

If you wish a choice seat at our forthcoming Luncheon which is to be held at the Ambassador Hotel on Tuesday, December 11th, kindly send in your check of \$15 made out to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, Luncheon Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Ward, % the Synagogue, 122 West 76th Street, New York City.

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## MESIBAT SHABBOS

The first Mesibat Shabbos (Children's Shabbos afternoon Social Hour) will be held at our Synagogue this Shabbos afternoon at 2:30 under the leadership of Mr. L. Bistritsky. All children of the neighborhood are cordially invited to come and bring their friends. Refreshments will be served.

## ANNUAL METROPOLITAN CONCERT



Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman  
Concert Committee

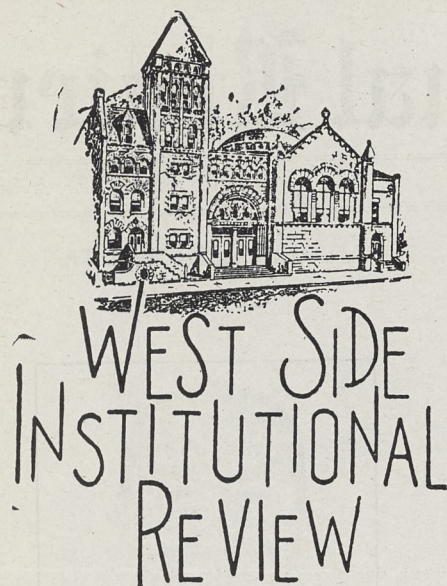
Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Concert Committee is happy to announce that plans have been perfected for our Annual Benefit Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House which is to be held on Sunday evening, January 27, 1946.

Prices for tickets are as last year, within the reach of everyone's purse — \$1.50 to \$8.50 per ticket. Boxes seating eight are \$75. All those who love music have an opportunity to enjoy an evening of real music performed by world-famous Operatic stars. At the same time you will assist our Institution in doing its essential work. Tickets may be obtained by writing to the office. The sooner you do that the better seats you'll get.

## JEWISH COOKING CLASS

We are glad to announce the resumption of the Jewish cooking classes for children and adults. The children's cooking classes will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 12:30. The adult classes will meet on Wednesday nights at 8:45.

The classes will be conducted under the supervision of Miss Ruth Weinberger who is also an instructor at Queens College. This is your chance to learn to prepare Jewish dishes such as gefilte fish, latkes, Chalabs and Homin tashin, etc. All women and girls interested kindly contact our office.



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### WE SHALL GO UP AND INHERIT THE LAND

We shall pursue our bitter and mortal quarrel with England to the utmost, for it is a matter of our life and death as a people. Neither time, nor wounds, nor set-backs, nor weariness nor substitutes shall ever give us reason to cease. England must redeem her pledge. All Jews who have survived the horrors of Nazism and are now knocking at the doors of Palestine must be admitted. Wherever Britain will turn will she see the flames of Maidenak, the smoke pillars of Belsen Bergen and feel the lightning of our accusation. Even the vulgar imperialist Kipling had a moment of moral concern when he wrote, "If England were what England seems and not the England of our dreams . . ."

England does not want to quarrel. She seems determined. Already seven innocent Jewish lives were lost by English "malicious, mistaking" guns. But the Jew does not avail himself of the weapons of Esau but of Jacob—the Voice. Let us lift our voices to England in demand, and to our merciful G-d in prayer—for in Him we trust. P.H.S.



### 232nd COMMANDMENT

**Thou Shalt Not Put A Stumbling Block Before the Blind**

**By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein**

**I**

This commandment does not merely include the physical aspect, namely not to put a stumbling block before the blind but also the spiritual one as well. The Rabbis enlarge this commandment to include any one who is blind on a certain subject and seeks advice. Do not cause him to stumble by rendering him such advice as suits **your** best interests and not **his**. We may not give any wrong or bad advice or help one to continue doing wrong. These are trespasses against this commandment. Very often people are asked advice and the answer they will give, will

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be against their own personal interests, but it will be the honest one. We are warned against being subjective in such cases and must render the advice objectively, disregarding any personal interest in the matter. Our verse concludes with the words, "But thou shalt fear thy G-d, I am the L--d." This is a warning against thinking that the advice may be secret or later denied by you, and thus you may be safe. We are reminded that G-d dules. "I the L--d search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways and according to the fruits of his doings." (See the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 17, Verse 10). We must advise a person a right as for instance, if one says to another, sell your field and buy a donkey with it thereby fails him, having in mind that he himself will ultimately buy the field. The purpose of this commandment is evident, namely, that it is for the good of the world to advise people properly.

So also our Rabbis have pointed out that it is forbidden to sell any dangerous weapons to an idolator for he may use it for the hurt of the people and so too we may not sell weapons to weak or dangerous characters. This come under the heading of "before a blind man thou shalt not put a stumbling block."

### CROSSING THE LINE

**By Capt. Oscar Z. Fasman  
Ottawa, Canada**

Only a time-lag seems to separate the period in a person's life when he allows himself to eat pork in a restaurant and the occasion when the kitchen in his home ceases to be Kosher. To be sure, it is not until both the husband and the wife have accustomed themselves to eating anything away from the home that the likelihood of changing over in the home itself appears; otherwise the one that continues to care will possibly succeed in perpetuating the family tradition.

Children are shrewd observers, and have failed to grasp the niceties of rationalization, so that they will not long permit to go unchallenged the habit of their parents to eat every kind of dish in a restaurant, while insisting that the domestic practices cling to the religious pattern. It becomes gradually meaningless to a young person who have developed

a taste for bacon in the hotel grill to avoid introducing it into his morning meal at home. Broadly speaking, therefore, the breach in loyalty to the dietary laws must be avoided in the outside world, if the inner bastion is to remain secure. Once a Jew has crossed the Kosher line of his own volition — for surely everyone must recognize the pressure, for example, of military exigency in our life these past several years — he has prepared the ground for departing sooner or later in his family sphere from the requirements of our faith.

Parents who sincerely desire to see their married children conduct a Kosher home will do well to take these observations to heart, to be themselves particular about the food they order in a public dining room, and to encourage their sons and daughters from the earliest years to be obstinate in resisting the temptation of indifferent comrades to taste non-kosher meals. The oft repeated slogan of our day, Hold the line! may well be applied in the field of Kashruth.

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

All parents are asked to urge their children to attend our Sabbath morning Junior Congregation at ten A.M. which is now under the supervision of a capable leader. Refreshments (Kiddush) will follow the Services.

### FOOD FOR CHILDREN OF EUROPE

The following are the additional contributors: S. Blumberg, Julius Cohen, Meyer J. Davidson, Abe Frankel, Isidor Freedman, Abe Glaser, L. Hornick, Karl Imwald, Mrs. Barnett Joseph, Harry Kaminsky, Mayer Kanarek, Henry Kaufman, Frederick Kuhn, Isidore Lauer, Leopold Lunitz, Mrs. Jeanne Meirowitz, Leonore Mendelsohn, Elmer H. Setel, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shain, Lazarus Zeidman, Louis Zucker.

### FROM THE RABBI'S MAILBAG

I wish to express appreciation upon receiving the WSIS Review. It's definitely a solid link with home.

Sincerely,  
BERNARD WEISS

### CONDOLENCE

Our deepest sympathy to our esteemed member Murray Weinstein upon the loss of his father JOSEPH WEINSTEIN.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elias Weiner upon the loss of their daughter

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wife of Rabbi Louis M. Epstein of Boston, Mass.

And to the families of HARRY BLANK and HARRY HEYMAN.

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Prayer for new Month—Kislev  
Rosh Chodesh—Tuesday  
Friday Lighting Candles ..... 4:33  
Mincha ..... 4:45  
Saturday Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:00  
Rabbi Singer's Class ..... 3:40  
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class ..... 3:40  
Mincha ..... 4:40  
Sabbath Terminates ..... 5:24  
DAILY SERVICES

Mornings ..... 6:45, 8:00, 8:30  
Mincha ..... 4:45  
Followed by Class in Shulchan  
Aruch, conducted by Rabbi Goldstein.

### YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be conducted this Shabbos by Arthur Udell as Reader of the Torah, Arnold Moskowitz as Reader of the Services and Harold Levine, Speaker.

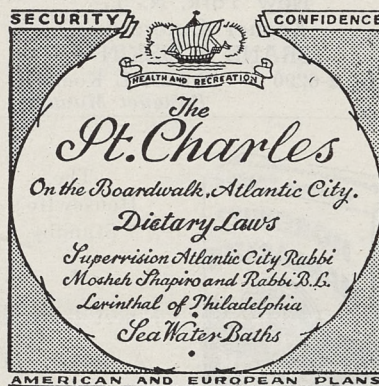
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### CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow

The task of training our youngsters in the practices of religion, and the implanting in their hearts and minds greater loyalty to orthodoxy, is a task which requires patience, skill and detailed study.

The Junior Congregation on Saturday and Holiday mornings is one of the essential methods of having our children become familiar with the services, and is certain to lead to a more intelligent understanding and appreciation of the faith.

When you take your son or daughter to the Synagogue with the adults, its attention is diffused and is not conducive to impressing the youngster with the proper understanding of the details of the service. If the parent does not send the child to Synagogue at all, then the child misses everything. In our Junior Congregation, under the competent leadership of an adult, important parts of the services are selected in which all the children participate, their attention is skilfully focused upon the meaning of the prayers, and by constant practice they acquire the habit of praying.

You, our readers, owe a duty to your children to acclimate them to Synagogue ritual and atmosphere.

## GETTING PERSONAL

Glad to see John Gell who paid us a visit at the Synagogue last week after a long illness which confined him to his home . . . Congratulations and Mazel Tov to our own former Lieut. Leonard Feinstein upon his marriage to Miss Kay Dane last Sunday afternoon at our Synagogue. . . . We were sure happy to have with us Morty Langer son of our Director and Mrs. Moses Langer one of our representatives on the Missouri . . . he was the speaker at our Youth Afternoon Services . . . Alex Moskowitz joined his father Director Max Moskowitz in leading the Congregational singing . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler on their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary . . . A prayer for the speedy recovery of Mrs. William B. Herlands and her brother Charles Bendheim . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Walkers upon the celebration of their first wedding anniversary . . . Birthday Greetings to Cantor Zalman Yavneh . . . he is 42 . . . to Herbert Reichlin and to one year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shapiro . . . Congratulations to Private and Mrs. Paul Shapiro upon their second wedding anniversary . . . Did you know that Sam Rubel is going to Florida . . . If you want to spend an enjoyable evening come down to a Men's Club meeting . . . Refreshments are served under Roy's "Hashgocho" . . . and Moe Oltarsh is toastmaster . . . come down next week . . . Last Shabbos we had also with us Captain Bernard Levmore who's letter we printed in last week's Review . . . Marilyn Wohl is leaving for Cornell . . . convey our regards to Betty Buchsbaum . . . Glad to see Clarence Lieberman around . . . which caused us to look up our membership list.

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