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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Vayetze

EVENING PRAYER

11. "AND HE ALIGHTED IN A CERTAIN PLACE AND HE TARRIED THERE ALL NIGHT BECAUSE THE SUN WAS SET AND HE TOOK OF THE STONES OF THAT PLACE AND PUT IT UNDER HIS HEAD, AND LAY DOWN IN THAT PLACE TO SLEEP."

Jacob introduced here the Maariv, the sunset, or evening prayer. According to the Rabbis, the Hebrew word, "vayifgah" means "and he prayed." There is a tradition that Isaac gave Jacob a large amount of money for expenses as well as a marriage gift for his future wife. Providence, however, determined differently. Esau, hearing that Jacob was on his journey, ordered his son Eliphaz to overtake and kill him. Eliphaz on reaching Jacob, was in a dilemma. He had once received instruction at the feet of Jacob and on the other hand he had to obey his father. Jacob advised him, "Take away everything I have and you will have carried out the instruction of your father for a poor man is considered as dead." Eliphaz consented, and was rewarded, therefore, with prophetic vision. See Job, Chapter 42, verse 7. Jacob however, was left poor, and tradition credits him with being the author of Psalm 121, which begins, "A song of degrees: I lift up my eyes to the mountains from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." He was in a plaintive mood, saying, "Eliezer, the slave of my father's house, when sent to get a wife for my father had with ten men, laden with gold, silver and with precious things while I am destitute even of one ring or of one bracelet. From whence will my help come?" He applied himself to prayer. With prayer came his consolation, "My help will come from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth," etc. The whole Psalm is applicable to Jacob's needs at this time.

DR. WENDELL PHILLIPS TO OPEN MONDAY NIGHT FORUMS RABBI GOLDSTEIN INAUGURATES A NEW COURSE

THE 613 CLUB ANNOUNCES RE-ACTIVATION

Last Sunday afternoon a large representation of our young men and women met in Rabbi Goldstein's study to formulate their plans for the coming year.

An enjoyable hour of "Folk dancing" followed the meeting. The "Horah" was voted the favorite.

Young People's Voice Shall be Heard

It was decided at the meeting that a column of the REVIEW be devoted to the presentation of the activities, thinking, and ideas of the young men and women of the synagogue. Watch the REVIEW for this column.

The 613 Club will sponsor a few of Rabbi Goldstein's Monday night Bible Classes and Forums.

Next Meeting — Sunday, Nov. 18

The next meeting of the 613 Club will be held at the Synagogue on Sunday evening, November 18th at 8:30. A social hour will follow. All young men and women of the congregation between 21 and 30 are cordially invited to attend.

The officers of the 613 Club are: Harold Levine, President; Lenore Kaplan, Vice-President; Rosalyn Fuchs, Secretary and Edith Goldey, Treasurer.

SABBATH AFTERNOON YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The first meeting of The Young People's Conference will be held this Shabbos afternoon at 3:30 P. M. Herbert Hirsch will speak on "Universal Military Conscription," and Miss Lily Koshland will be the hostess. All young people of the neighborhood are cordially invited to come and spend an enjoyable and interesting Shabbos afternoon.

ONEG SHABBOS

All boys and girls of the ages 13 to 15 are urged to attend the Oneg Shabbos at 3 P. M. The program will include interesting discussions, singing, joke-telling contests and refreshments.



Dr. Wendell Phillips

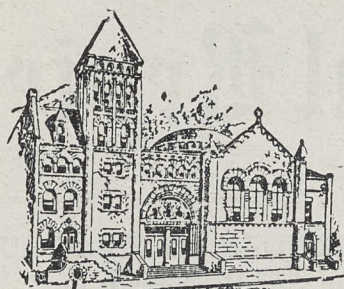
This season's Monday Night Forums will commence this Monday, November 19th, with Wendell Phillips of Rye, N. Y. as guest speaker. Doctor Phillips was graduated from Wesley University and Union Theological Seminary. He assisted in the Chaplaincy to students at Columbia University. He also taught at the American University at Cairo, Egypt. He is a well known figure in Zionist circles. His topic will be "A Christian Looks At The Arab and Jewish Situation."

THE NEW COURSE

Beginning this Monday evening at 8:40 P. M. preceding the Forum, Rabbi Goldstein will conduct a class "What is (orthodox) Judaism?" in the form of a discussion with audience participation. The purpose of this course is to afford an open discussion on the various aspects of Judaism. It is intended to stimulate spiritual living.

Adult Hebrew Course

On Monday evenings at 7:45 P. M. courses in beginners, intermediate and advanced Hebrew are being given. These courses are designed to acquaint the students with a reading knowledge of Hebrew to enable him to comprehend the prayers more readily.



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COMING HOME

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Personal Problems

Our veterans coming home will find some of their dearest friends have been married. Others moved to different sections of the city or other parts of the country. Their kid brother and sister are adults now. Their parents have become older and grayer and more nervous. Even their wives and sweethearts seem to look and act differently now. No longer shall **everything** be provided, — food, entertainment and clothes. The veteran is a hero for about a week or two. After that he becomes a regular member of the family taking his regular place, and assuming his share of responsibility.

The veteran, as a rule, fails to realize that changes have also taken place with him as well as with those who were left behind. How shall we all meet the new challenge? The answer is by love, patience and the will to understand one another.



233rd COMMANDMENT Ye Shall Do No Unrighteousness In Judgment

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By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The judge may not make a compromise or arbitrate instead of handing down the decision of the law unless both parties are willing to leave it to him to effect compromise or an arbitration. In money matters it is they, the litigants and not he who can make such a decision. Thus the Bible commands, "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment." Furthermore we violate this commandment if we delay justice. The judge must be patient and painstaking so that he make not a mistake in his judgment. The judge should be as careful in deciding a case involving two cents as he would be if it involved a million dollars. As a matter

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of fact our laws in regard to the judge are different than those of the other nations. The nations have Municipal Courts or lower courts and higher or Supreme Courts. In the lower courts the judge decides upon cases amounting to small sums and in the higher courts cases amounting to very large sums. Accordingly in the lower courts we have judges who are not as able and as learned and as mature as those in the higher courts. In Jewish law this is impossible. The judge who decides the case of \$100,000 is the same judge who would decide the case of \$10, because \$10 to the poor may be as important as \$100,000 to the rich. The judge because of the difficulty in being able to decide the case legally should try to get the litigants to arbitrate. Concerning this the Bible says in Zechariah, Chapter 18, Verse 16, "Truth and judgment of peace shall ye judge in your acts." This is the judgment that brings peace. We also read in regard to David—"And David evacted justice and righteousness (charity) towards all his people." The Rabbis ask in the Talmud "Surely where there is strict justice there is no charity, and where there is charity, there is no justice! But what is the kind of justice with which charity abides? We must say: Arbitration." Sanhedrin 6b.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT THE ATOM

By Rabbi Solomon Wind

The atomic bomb which precipitated the peace will undoubtedly usher in a new era in the history of mankind. The much cherished millennium is prehaps around the corner. There will be many comforts which will make life pleasant and also a new view of life which will forever remove man's inhumanity to man.

In the vernacular the word "atom" is a noun and is defined as the smallest particle of matter so minute as to admit no division either mechanical or chemical. This indivisible and impenetrable unit of matter gave scientists a plausible explanation of the universe. All is composed of atoms, undevised and unchangeable. Origin of things is not creation but a mere conglomeration of atoms, and destruction of things means their separation from one another. Inherent motion, also uncreated, cause atoms to unite and separate.

This atomic theory of matter fathered the atomic philosophy of life which teaches that the atoms by virtue of their properties brought all things into being without the aid of a Creator. Naturalists and rationalists of every description which sanctioned brutality and endowed it with the dignity of law have derived support from this atomic theory. Even the soul, a veritable spiritual essence, was not spared. They ascribed all consciousness and soul activity to mere molecular motion of the brain. If virtue was ever esteemed it was only when it served selfish and greedy interests. From the one called animal to multi cellular man there is nothing but graded animalism and beastliness.

This atomic theory in science and philosophy did much harm through the centruies. By dethroning justice and depriving virtue of its spiritual origin it was directly accountable for all prevalent cruelty in society. The serpent stings, the vulture devours and man must follow suit.

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BAR MITZVAH



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Klinger upon the celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Billy Klinger which will be held this Shabbos in our Synagogue.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Great Women In Jewish History To Be Discussed By Rabbi Goldstein

At the next regular meeting of our Women's League which is to be held at our building on Monday afternoon, November 19th, Rabbi Goldstein will give one more of his interesting and enlightening talks on "Great Women Who Made Jewish History."

Mrs. Rose F. Brown will be hostess at the Social Hour in honor of the recent marriage of her son.

All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

All the members of the Women's League are urged to bring their Luncheon Reports to this meeting.

Y. P. C.

The Y.P.C. held its first meeting last Sunday afternoon at which the following officers were selected: Jerry Kammerman, Pres., Naomi Goldstein, 1st Vice Pres., Jacob Golden, 2nd Vice Pres., Tillie Lewton, Treas., Bill Jacobs, Corr. Secy., Joseph Fuchs, Fin. Secy., Denise Merkin, Editor, and Irving Goldstein, Sgt.-at-Arms. Their second meeting will be held this Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M. All young people of the ages 15, 16 and 17 are invited to attend.

Loyalty Viewpoint

(Continued from Page 2)

From the view of atomic spiritual energy we can easily perceive the divine attributes of justice and mercy, love and kindness, as a continuous creative process. In the words of the paeton (religious poet) "toleh erez al beli mah", 'the world is suspended on nothing i.e. the world has no material origin or foundation.' The atomic theory of today will convert in the world of science the base metals into gold and in human society — brutal animalism into genuine humanity.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Vayetzeh	
Friday Lighting Candles	4:20
Mincha	4:30
Saturday morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Mesibas Shabbus	2:30
Rabbis Singer's Class	3:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	3:30
Mincha	4:30
Sabbath Terminates	5:11
Sunday & Thursday (Thanksgiving) morning	6:45 and 8:45
DAILY SERVICES	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:25
Followed by Class in Shulcan Aruch conducted by Rabbi Goldstein.	

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICE

Youth Afternoon Service will be conducted this Shabbos afternoon with Abraham Coifman as Reader of the Torah, Herbert Perlman, Reader of Service and Dan Schachter as Speaker.

Contributors Food For Children

A. Alexander, Harry Appel, Maurice L. Barnett, Thomas F. Gravey, Mrs. Jennie Greenfield, Harry Miller, Isaac Rauch, Henry Reichlin, Elmer H. Sattel, H. Schetzen.

The Talmud Course

Rabbi Hurwitz will heretofore conduct his Talmud Class on Monday night at 7:30 P. M.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

I have a very definite feeling that each of you, our readers is very much interested in this institution and is willing to do everything in your power to aid in the smooth and efficient functioning of all activities.

We devote a good deal of thought and energy toward producing a weekly publication which will interest all our members and friends and subscribers. We cannot, however, succeed without your cooperation in furnishing us with certain essential data.

In making the "GETTING PERSONAL" column intimate, bright, attractive, and accurate, we need reliable information about yourselves and about your personal and family happenings.

Please send us the information we need, such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, Bar Mitzvahs and other happy events. Please note that furnishing us with the information does not mean that you are seeking publicity. On the contrary it indicates that you are cooperative and helpful. One sure way to make our publication popular is to have it contain items of interest to our readers, and these intimate personal items have an irresistible appeal to all. May we bespeak your cooperation?

GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Col. Redlich upon the celebration of their seventeenth wedding anniversary . . . Likewise to Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Markowitz and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirken . . . Happy birthday to Helene Appelbaum, Mrs. Julius H. Rosan, Bernice Breitbart Schlang, Jerry Kammerman, Sylvia Livingston Berstein, Ira Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Julius Cohen, Allen Mirken, and to Mr. Gustave Roth who is now 83 years young . . . Congratulations to Milton Weingarten and Miss Francis Bernhard who were married in our Synagogue last Sunday . . . Stork Club . . . Daughter, Barbara Jane, born to Lt. and Mrs. Bert Gottesman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevitz and the Greatgrandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sabin . . . also a bouncing son to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlang. Grandfather Bernard Breitbart and Uncle Capt. Robert Breitbart are sure proud . . . Flash . . . Harold Kaplan's Greater N. Y. Exterminating Co., moved nearer to the Synagogue . . . He's now at 724 Columbus Ave. . . . Boy what a breakfast we had last Sunday morning . . . Moe Oltarsh was shining although it was pouring outside . . . He gave us "Tzu zingen und tzu zогgen" . . . First he was the Cantor for Shacharis a'la Chazanut . . . Then he read a beautiful poem. . . . and spiced it with his Jokes . . . They were good and "Rinso'd . . . And then came a one hour movie for the children . . . But Charles I. Karasik and Irving Kobrin enjoyed the movie as well . . . So how about Fathers and Sons coming to our next Sunday morning Service and Breakfast in December . . . See Harold Kaplan the able Breakfast chairman. . . . Many thanks to our Director Joseph Buchsbaum, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, who did a good job at making our Memorial Park at Mt. Eden in Westchester County free and clear from all indebtedness . . . Let us pray that it be free of internments . . . Welcome Home to Alvin Greenstein . . . Do you want to make a man happy? If you know of a one room abode, please notify our Synagogue office . . . you will have a Mitzvah.

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