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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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JACOB-JOSEPH

"THESE ARE THE GENERATIONS OF JACOB. JOSEPH, BEING SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD, The Rabbis say, 'Why does the Bible begin with the generations of Jacob and end up only with Joseph?' The answer is: Because the story of Joseph is a reflex and a repetition of the story of Jacob. Both of them shared the affection of their mother, both were hated by the brother and both miraculously escaped all dangers.

Partiality

"NOW ISRAEL LOVED JOSEPH MORE THAN ALL HIS CHILDREN, BECAUSE HE WAS THE SON OF HIS OLD AGE: AND HE MADE HIM A COAT OF MANY COLORS." Our Rabbis point out the moral of this story, namely, that no father should treat one child different from the others. This causes jealousy and disruption in the family. Little things often lead to acts of greatest significance.

Prophetic Dream

"AND, BEHOLD, YOUR SHEAVES STOOD ROUNABOUT AND MADE OBEISANCE TO MY SHEAF." This dream was of course a prophetic nature, indicating that they would at a later date have to approach him for grain and bow to him as a ruler.

"AND THEY HATED HIM YET THE MORE FOR HIS DREAMS AND FOR HIS WORDS." Our Rabbis say that dreams are the product of what one gives thought to during one's waking hours. These thoughts are taken up by the imagination when the mental powers of discernment are asleep, and weaved into a story which has no meaning whatever for the future and which, unlike the prophetic dreams, are not worthy of attention or interpretation. Therefore Joseph's brethren accused him of having the ambition to grasp power and of making this a predominating thought during his waking hours so that he dreamt of it during the night. But Joseph went about telling his dreams as if they were of a prophetic character.

HOUR OF JEWISH WIT AND HUMOR TO FOLLOW MONDAY NIGHT OPEN DISCUSSION

NEW SOCIAL DIRECTOR

W. S. I. S. announces the appointment of a new social director, Mr. Joseph I. Salzman, who will be in charge of all club activities.

Mr. Salzman, a native New Yorker holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the College of the City of New York, and spent a few years in subsequent study at Columbia University. He comes to us with a background of experience in handling younger people. In addition he has had counseling experience at Camp Deal, N. J. and with the Jewish Community Center in Bayonne.

He plans a program of varied activities that he is sure will stimulate the interest of the old members and will attract many new ones.



Irving Davidson

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING

The second meetin of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held on Wednesday evening, December 5th. All parents are urged to attend for this Association will serve as a connecting link between the parent, the child, the teacher and the school, in the interests of bettering the Jewish education and religious development of the child. Refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Synagogue will be held this Monday evening following the Forum, for the purpose of electing Trustees and Directors, amending our Constitution and to transact such other business which may come before the meeting.

METROPOLITAN CONCERT

You can now obtain in our office, tickets for the Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, Jan. 27, 1946. The prices are the same as last year, from \$1.50 to \$8.50, including tax. Boxes (8 seats) are \$75. Please make your reservations now by telephone TR. 7-8281.

Rabbi Goldstein will continue this Monday night at 8:40 P. M. his new course "What is (orthodox) Judaism?" conducted in its new form as an open discussion. The great speaker of the Forum will be Irving Davidson, a recognized authority of Jewish wit and humor. He is a member of the New York Bar and was graduated from the Law School of Fordham University. He is known as the "Jewish Ripley" for his lectures on Jewish historical oddities, regarding the fact that the Jewish people possess a sense of humor as the greatest Jewish historical oddity of them all.

TALMUD TORAH CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

The annual Chanukah celebration of the Talmud Torah will be held on Sunday morning, December 2nd, at 10:30 A. M. The program will include musical, dramatic and dance presentations offered by the children of the Talmud Torah. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. The Women's League will distribute their annual Chanukah gifts.



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COMING HOME

Civic Problems

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The veteran must be on his guard lest he be used as a tool for the forces of reaction. The jingoists will always be in evidence. There will be organizations masking behind many patriotic-titled organizations. All this may be a cloak for reaction. We must never forget that there is still an overwhelming number of Fascistically minded people even in our own country. It will show itself by an anti-Catholic, anti-Protestant and anti-Jewish movement.

Israel Zangwill said that the Jew is the barometer of civilization. If he is treated well it is an indication that real democracy prevails.

Now that the United States is becoming interested as a partner in Palestine, the veteran should see to it that oil will not be smeared over sacred promises made by this country as well as by Great Britain. It will become the function of the veteran to help nip in the bud any effort to weaken our American democracy.



234TH COMMANDMENT The Judge Must Not Honor One of the Litigants Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

During the trial the judge must not show to any one of the litigants any honor even if the litigant be a great and respected individual, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 15, "Thou shalt not honor the person of the mighty."

He is not to tell him to sit down whilst the other one who is not as great, stands. Both of them should be standing. However, if a judge permits both litigants to be seated that is satisfactory. Furthermore, the judge is not to say to himself, as we read in the Sifrah, "This man is rich and hails from a prominent family. How can I put him to shame by deciding against him?" The

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Rabbis say that where the judge is there the Schechina, the Divine his law, but G-d's. Therefore the is that the judge does not dictate Presence, rests. The reason for this spirit of G-d rests among the judges of Israel. It is therefore interesting to note that in the Hebrew one of the synonyms for the word judges is אֲפִיקִים as we read on the third day of each week in Psalm 82, Verse 1, "G-d standeth in the Congregation of the Mighty. He judgeth in the midst of "judges

Further details of this law are to be found in the Talmud Sahedrin and Shevuos. It prevails at all times and at all places and refers to male judges. However if both litigants agree that a woman should be the judge, it is permitted.

Any judge who purposely shows more honor to one litigant than the other trespasses this negative commandment not to show any honor to the person of the mighty and also violates the positive commandment of our verse which says, "But in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor."

The Rabbis say in the Talmud that the judge should not allow one side of the case to go into great detail in explaining his side, and hurry the other side without giving him a full hearing as well.

ETIQUETTE FROM THE BIBLE

The Bible is indeed a complete book—"Hafoch baw V'hafoch baw, de kooloh baw"—"Turn it and turn it, for all is in it." One important subject that it little recognized as part of the Torah is etiquette. The following are but a few example:

SOCIAL LIFE

Striving for Social Position

Glorify not thyself in the presence of a king, and stand not in the place of great men. For better is it that it be said unto thee: Come up hither, than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

—Proverbs 25:6-7.

Visiting Neighbors

Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbor's house; lest he be sated with thee, and hate thee.

—Proverbs 25:17.

Being Cheerful When with Others

A merry heart doeth good like medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

—Probers 17:22.

Against Flattery

Meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

—Proverbs 20:19.

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

The time of lighting candles is upon the appearance of the stars and should not be delayed. The candles must burn for a half hour after the appearance of the stars. The order of lighting is as follows: The first night the light toward the right should be lit, and on the second night add one light toward the left and thus add one candle until the eighth night. The one that is added should be lit first. On the first night we say three benedictions before lighting them:

להדליק נר

"Who hath commanded us concerning the lighting of the candles";

שעשה נסים "Who hath wrought miracles;

שהחיינו

"Who kept us in life," and on the other nights we do not say the benediction "Who kept us in life." The observance of Chanukah lights is obligatory upon women for they, too, were included in this miracle, and a woman may light them on behalf of her entire household. On the Sabbath eve the Chanukah light is lit first then the Sabbath light.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next week the members of the 613 Club will present a fascinating new feature in the columns of the REVIEW. The West Side Institutional Review is gladly opening its columns for the youth of the congregation. READ THEIR COLUMN NEXT WEEK.

The next meeting of the 613 Club will be held at the Synagogue on Sunday evening, December 2, at 8:30 P. M. Rabbi Sidney Hoenig will deliver his first lecture in his series on "Movements and Trends in Jewish History." A social hour will follow.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

Mari-Barova to Sing

All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend a very interesting and enjoyable Chanukah Gathering of the Women's League which is to be held at our building on Monday afternoon, December 3rd at 2 o'clock.

Mari-Barova of the Chicago Opera Company will present a program of choice Chanukah selections. Rabbi Philip Harris Singer will give a Chanukah Message and Mrs. David Bellsey and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan will be the Hostesses at the Social Hour.

Luncheon

The Luncheon Committee will be on hand to accept final reservations for the Women's League Luncheon which is to be held on Tuesday, December 11th at the Ambassador Hotel.

BLUE N' WHITE DANCE

The Blue N' White will hold its annual Chanukah Dance on Saturday Night, December 1 in our Social Hall. Music will be furnished by Sol Stewart and his Band.

CONDOLENCE

We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolence to the families of our esteemed members

JOSEPH LISS

and

MAURICE L. SHAINÉ

May the Almighty comfort them amongst all the mourners of Zion.



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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Vayeshev
Prayer for New Month—Teves
Rosh Chodesh—Wednesday

Lighting Candles 4:12
Mincha 4:15
Saturday Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Mesibas Shabbus 2:30
Oneg Shabbus 3:00
Rabbi Singer's Class 3:15
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class 3:15
Mincha 4:15
Sabbath Terminates 5:03
Sunday 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services—

Mornings 6:30, 7:50, 8:20
Mincha 4:15

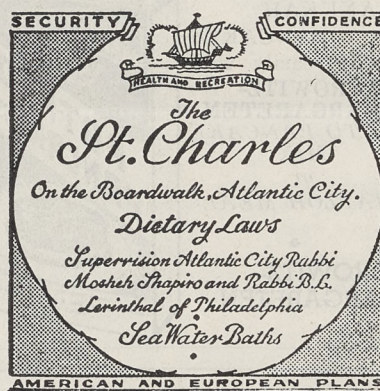
Followed by class in Schulchan Aruch
Conducted by Rabbi Goldstein.

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be held this Shabbos with a)son Jacobowitz as Reader of the Torah. Jack Verschleiser, Reader of the Services and Ralph Kestenbaum, Speaker.

FOOD FOR CHILDREN OF EUROPE

The following are the additional contributors: Miss Bessie Abrams, Max Berg, Mr. and Mrs. B. Eig, Mrs. Naomi R. Goldstein, Maurice Greenstein, Mrs. Wm. Horwitz, M. Mesch, Metropolitan Post 164 J. W. V., Mrs. Seiler, Mrs. Annie Solomon, Mrs. L. Wall.



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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow

An organization of far-reaching importance, meeting in our building is the Parent-Teachers Association composed of the parents of the children attending our Hebrew School and their teachers.

The importance of this group lies in the splendid opportunity it affords to the parents who are vitally interested in the welfare of their children, to participate actively in the supervision of the training and education that the youngsters receive in our school.

Under present conditions, the time of the parents is so taken up with their own interests, that they devote too little time to the details of their children's schooling, particularly in the religious education of their children. The parents have the erroneous conception that they have discharged their full duty, if they arrange for the registration of their child in a Talmud Torah.

Those of you, our readers, who have sons and daughters of school-age should attend the next meeting of this Parent-Teachers Association, which will take place this Wednesday evening, and do your share to improve your child's welfare.

GETTING PERSONAL

Birthday cards to Mrs. Jane Udell, our President's mother . . . Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein . . . Mrs. Sam Goodman . . . Mrs. Meyer Mirken . . . Mortimer Morris . . . Sam Lubel . . . Mrs. Aaron Wartels . . . Nathan Frank . . . One year olds Riva Leah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burk, Donald Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Haies, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levinson . . . Four-year-old David James Roth and William Label, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth . . . Happy wedding anniversary to Director and Mrs. Joseph Anderson . . . Happy to see Siegfried Bendheim and Charles Bendheim in the Synagogue . . . What a good country Lakewood is . . . Prayers were offered by the children of the Hebrew school for the speedy recovery of Ann Hirsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch . . . Also do we pray for Phineas Kadushin, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Max Kadushin . . . A speedy recovery to Mrs. Harry Verschleiser . . . We hear that Corporal Bernard Weiss has been transferred from Wilmington, N. C. to Westover Field, Mass. . . . We welcome heartily the new members to the W. S. I. S. family . . . Kurt Benjamin, Gabriel F. Goldstein, Joshua Rabinowitz, Louis J. Swedlin, Benjamin Tilem, William Weinstein, Joseph Wohl . . . Welcome home to Hank Epstein . . . It is sure good to see him back . . . Congratulations to Herman Levine upon the marriage of his sister, Miriam, to Joseph Schulder . . . Baroness Rothchild has offered to reprint Rabbi Goldstein's Radio address or Prayer . . . Mrs. Greenman, chairman of the Synagogue Food and Clothing Campaign, has asked us to appeal for support in her work . . . Please bring your Kosher canned foods for our destitute brethren . . . Welcome to Mrs. Regina Margaretten who is back from Rochester . . . We knew that nothing can keep her away from us. . . . Does Roy look fine after sonny's visit to mamma in Virginia . . . What a good son.

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