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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Mikaytz—מִקַּיֵּץ

Trust Not Princes

"AND IT CAME TO PASS, AT THE END OF TWO FULL YEARS, THAT PHARAOH DREAMED: AND, BEHOLD, HE STOOD BY THE RIVER." According to the Rabbis, Joseph actually spent twelve years in prison. Originally Providence decreed that he should be in prison for ten years to atone for the sin of bringing tales against his ten brothers, but on account of his relying upon the butler for his freedom instead of praying to God for this, his release was postponed for two years more. Hence King David says in Psalm 146, verse 3, "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth (he dies, or) on that very day his thoughts perish." (He forgets his promise, or his desire to help vanishes.)

Promise-Fulfillment

The Rabbis, "it must be said" became so expert in Bible interpretation that not only were they able to read the lines, but between them as well. They explain the reason for the seven years of plenty and for the seven years of famine as follows: In Genesis, Chapter 15, verse 13 and 14, we read the divine plan which God revealed unto Abraham in the words, "Know of a surety that thy children will be strangers, etc., four hundred years, and afterwards **they shall come out with great substance.**" Hence, when the time of deliverance arrived, it was urged upon the people (as we read in Exodus, Chapter 3, verse 22, and Chapter II, verse 2, to ask for garments, gold and silver. In order that Egypt should possess a large stock of gold and silver so that Israel's compensation might be commensurate with the length of time it had suffered in Egypt, a famine had to be decreed so that previous to this Egypt be granted seven years of plenty. By this plan, Egypt became the granary for the adjacent countries, and all the precious metals and all kinds of valuables poured into its treasury, as we read in Chapter 47, verse 14

JOHN HAYNES HOLMES GUEST SPEAKER

Topic: "UNIVERSAL MILITARY CONSCRIPTION"

MUSICALE TO PRECEDE WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 11th promises to be a gala day in the annals of the Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

At eleven-thirty A. M. a large number of the members of our Women's League and their friends will assemble at the Ambassador Hotel, Park Avenue and 51st Street, to listen to the unusual musical program which is to precede the Luncheon.

A galaxy of beautiful prizes of every description has been received for this occasion.

If you have not already made your reservations for this outstanding function, you may still do so by sending immediately your check of \$15.00, made to the order of The Women's League c/o the Synagogue 122 West 76th Street.

OUR ANNUAL CONCERT

Committee Chairman Joseph Settel reports that he is making satisfactory progress in arranging an excellent program for our Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 27th, 1946. Tickets are priced from \$1.50 to \$8.50. Please make your reservations by telephone or writing without delay.

YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Every one who has any concern about the proper distribution of his property should have a Last Will and Testament.

If you have a wish to make provision for our institution, please be sure to insert in your Will the following clause—"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a Jewish religious corporation of 120-138 West 76th Street, the sum of \$....."

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will this Monday join the Discussion and the Forum with John Haynes Holmes. All members are invited to attend this meeting.

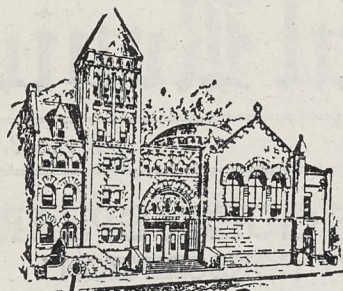


John Haynes Holmes

This Monday night at 8:30, following the Discussion on "What Is (Orthodox) Judaism?", led by Rabbi Goldstein, our guest speaker at the Forum will be the distinguished John Haynes Holmes. He is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, and received his degree of Doctor of Divinity at the Jewish Institute of Religion and St. Lawrence University. He is the minister of the Community Church of New York. He is the founder of the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. Holmes is the author of many books, including "Palestine Today and Tomorrow," "Through Gentile Eyes," and "Rethinking Religion." His topic will be "Universal Military Training." Come early to secure a seat.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST NO. 297

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, will take place this Wednesday, December 12th, 1945, at 8:30 P. M. Max E. Sanders, the Commander, requests all members to attend.



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COMING HOME Religious Problems V

The veteran coming back from this war should certainly return to the Synagogue with thoughts of thanksgiving and repentance. He should thank G-d that he has been privileged to return safely to his beloved ones. He should also petition G-d to forgive him for the compromises he made in religion and in morals. Above all he should know that he is now undergoing a real test. Will he return to normalcy in religious practices? There will be a temptation to lead a Jekyll and Hyde double standard existence—one for the home, a G-dly standard, and the other for friends, and the tempter's call.

To those of our sons who had the fortitude to resist the easier way, we stand in awe and in admiration. To those who for one reason or another veered, now is the time to show G-d that the compromises were for the war—temporary and necessary. What excuses can we offer now? Let us not provoke G-d.



235TH COMMANDMENT In Righteousness Shalt Thou Judge Thy Neighbor By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The Bible commands the judge to be righteous in judgement, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 15, "But in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor."

In this connection the Rabbis say in the Talmud in Shevuos 30a that the judge should not allow one litigant to go into more detail in explaining his side than the other litigant. Both must receive a full hearing.

Furthermore when the judge shows respect to one of the litigants, then

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the other becomes nervous and is prevented from presenting his whole case properly. Our Rabbis furthermore warned that no man shall act as the sole judge. G-d alone may act as the sole judge. Would that our system of law in the courts of the Nations might take this advice.

The Rabbis in the Talmud say this commandment also has a personal reference to each and every one of us, namely that we are to judge every person on the scale of merit and refuse to condemn by appearances and the we should always endeavor to put the best construction upon the deeds of our fellow-men. Unfortunately most people always look for a bad motive behind another man's acts or speech.

If a judge has many cases before him and among them there is the case of an orphan or a widow, their cases should take precedence, for it is said in the Bible, "Judge the orphan, take up the case of the widow." A woman's case is also to take precedence before a man's case because the abashment for a woman is greater than that for a man. The case of a great scholar also takes precedence. All this comes under the general rule, "in righteousness shall ye judge."

Thinking Out Loud

UNITED OR ALONE

(This is the first in a series of columns presenting the viewpoints of the young men and women of our congregation. These viewpoints are derived from weekly discussions conducted by the 613 Club—an organization consisting of young people between the ages of 21 and 30. Sincere appreciation is expressed to the editorial staff of the REVIEW for the privilege of presenting this column.)

How are we to fight race and minority discrimination? Shall we attack anti-Semitism alone, or shall we consider it as an integral part of the general problem of race hate and bigotry?

Undoubtedly, anti-Semitism is but a part of the more general problem of race and minority prejudice. The question before us is to determine whether we ourselves can most effectively combat anti-Semitism, or must we ally ourselves with other minority groups, hitting at the broad

aspect of prejudice through coordinated effort?

On the one hand, we can not lose sight of the fact that hatred against the Jew is inter-related with Jim-Crowism, anti-Catholicism, and other minority discriminations. Therefore, we must strike at the very heart of hate and bigotry. This can be accomplished only through the cooperative effort of all minority groups. Furthermore, as persecuted Jews, we cannot help but defend the rights and civil liberties of all minorities.

On the other hand, before we could ally ourselves with other minority groups we would first have to eliminate the prejudices that are prevalent amongst the various minorities themselves.

We must attack anti-Semitism with all our resources. At the same time we must never allow ourselves to practice against other minorities the very same discrimination that we decry, when it is directed against us.

These are the opinions expressed by the members of the 613 Club. What are your comments? Let's hear from you.

KINDLY NOTE

that Umbrellas, Pocketbooks and Newspapers should not be brought to the Synagogue on the Holy Sabbath. Please help us observe, both, the spirit and the Law of the Torah.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the Family of

MRS. ANNIE SIMON

mother of our esteemed members, IRVING, HENRY, M., MORTON, JACOB M. DAVID M., ADOLPH L. AARON, and GOLDIE JACOBSON.

May the Almighty comfort you amongst all mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

ETIQUETTE FROM THE BIBLE

CHARITY

Turning People Away Hungry

Say not unto thy neighbor: Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give, when thou hast it by thee. —Proverbs 3:28.

Against Stinginess

The liberal soul shall be made fat. —Proverbs 11:25.

Treatment of the Poor

Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker. —Proverbs 17:5.

Treatment of Widows and the Fatherless

Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. —Exodus 22:22.

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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Mikaytz

Lighting Candles	4:11
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

Daily Services—

Sunday	6:45, 8:45
Friday	6:30, 7:50

Mornings

Mincha

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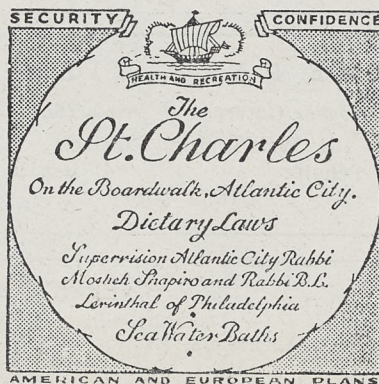
YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

At the present time we are engaged in collecting wearing apparel and Kosher food for the purpose of shipping same to our starving brethren in Europe. The Women's League has rendered excellent service in that respect, and its committee headed by Mrs. Samuel Greenman co-operated effectively.

A work of such magnitude, however, deserves the earnest assistance of each and every group meeting in our building. I am, therefore, asking every organization to appoint energetic committees to help collect wearing apparel for men, women and children, as well as Kosher food, for shipment abroad.

To you, our readers, I appeal individually, to use your own personal efforts to enlist your friends, your acquaintance, the organizations to which you belong, and urge them all to join in this great humanitarian work of our unfortunate co-religionists in Europe.

Let us perform this great and important task willingly and enthusiastically and understandingly for the tragic fate of tortured Israel.

Getting Personal

Congratulations to Mrs. Jacob Kaplan for the highly successful "Special Gifts Luncheon" held at her home for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies . . . she did a real swell job . . . good refreshments . . . and a fine response which will enable the refreshing of many needy. . . . Jane Udell, mother of our President, topped the list of contributors . . . Keep it up Jane. . . . Lt. Joshua Levine moved from Luxemburg to Strassburg . . . He is going French. . . . We received Happy Chanukah Greetings from A.S.R. Louis Landowne, who is with the fleet at New Orleans. . . . Did you know that Morty Kammerman went off to England . . . How about organizing there a Sabbath Afternoon Conference. . . . Glad to see Midshipman Joe Tilem at Mincha last Shabbos. . . . A.R.T.1/c Jay M. Cohen, son of Charles Cohen was with us on Shabbos. . . . Morty Langer of the Missouri is now at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and he will be coming in every week-end, we hope. . . . Mrs. L. Wall of Watertown, N. Y. was in for a visit to civilization . . . They don't even have any water there . . . Mrs. Wall is a cousin of our dear Mrs. Annie R. Morris . . . who did a good job in packing candy for the children of the Talmud Torah for their Chanukah Celebration. . . . A delicious thanks to the Lax Bros., for their generous donation of good Marlon Candy. . . . Happy Birthday to Harry Verschleiser (3rd Chanukah Lichtel!) our Director Morris Levine, Mrs. Jess Ward, Andre Weil, 5 year old Nancy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jablow, to 4 year old Bruce Neil, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold C. Miller, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum and Mr. Jacob Kaplan. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Herlands upon the celebration of their wedding anniversary . . . ditto to Capt. and Mrs. Jacob Klein and to Sgt. and Mrs. Nathaniel Greenman. . . . We are glad to report that Ben Spanbock is off the sick list . . . and we hope you stay off. . . . We pray for the speedy recovery of Siegfried Ullman and Irving Sabsevit. . . . Many thanks to Nat Wartels for his generous donation of books to the library for the use of our children, which he made in memory of his late beloved brother, Emanuel. . . . Thanks to Mrs. Tillie Rosenthal for her gift of sporting goods for the Talmud Torah.

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