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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

וַיִּגַּשׁ Vayigash The Reunion

"THEN JOSEPH COULD NOT REFRAIN HIMSELF BEFORE ALL THEM THAT STOOD BY HIM; AND HE CRIED, 'CAUSE EVERY MAN TO GO OUT FROM ME.' AND THERE STOOD NO MAN WITH HIM, WHILE JOSEPH MADE HIMSELF KNOWN TO HIS BRETHREN." Some of the Rabbis question the wisdom of Joseph in remaining alone with his angry brethren, who in their ignorance of the facts and feeling desperate concerning their plight might have killed him. Others see in this a strong feeling of confidence in their aversion to hasty bloodshed. Still others say that Joseph did not want to put them to blush publicly even at the peril of his own life.

It is said that the following dialogue took place between Joseph and his brethren. Joseph asked, "Are you sure indeed that your lost brother is dead?" When they replied in the affirmative, he said, "Why should men like you say something which is not absolutely true? Have you not sold him into slavery? I will call him and he will testify in our presence." Then he exclaimed, "Joseph, the son of Jacob!" They looked to all sides, amazed and frightened, until finally he cried out, "It is I who is Joseph, your brother." At first they refused to believe him, but after he told them many an intimate family occurrence, they became convinced that he was indeed their brother.

Conscience

"AND JOSEPH SAID TO HIS BROTHERS, I AM JOSEPH: DOTH MY FATHER YET LIVE? AND HIS BRETHREN COULD NOT ANSWER HIM: FOR THEY WERE TROUBLED BEFORE HIS PRESENCE." They were troubled instead of joyous at finding the lost brother whom they had been looking for. This is explained by the Rabbis as due to his use of the term "my father" instead of "our father." From this expression they inferred that he did not entertain towards them feelings of brotherhood. But Joseph quickly noticed this and remedied matters, as we read in the next verse.

LUDWIG LEWISOHN GUEST SPEAKER AT FORUM

Topic: "THE MODERN JEW AND HIS LOYALTY TO JUDAISM"

Rabbi Goldstein will continue this Monday night at 8:30 with his discussion on "What Is (Orthodox) Judaism". The discussion will be followed by a forum with the noted Ludwig Lewisohn as guest speaker. Dr. Lewisohn is the foremost Jewish man of letters in America and has fought valiantly for a just appraisal and treatment of the Jewish people. He lived abroad for a decade and was in intimate touch with European and Palestinian leaders. His American career has included teaching at the University of Wisconsin and the Ohio State University, editing "The Nation", and contributing to many papers and periodicals. Dr. Lewisohn will speak on "The Modern Jew and His Loyalty to Judaism".



Ludwig Lewisohn



Did you check the date? It's January 27, on your calendar. This is the night of WSIS at the Metropolitan Opera House. Tickets are priced as last year from \$1.50 to \$8.50. You may still make your reservations by telephone or mail.

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be held this Shabbos with Jason Jacobowitz as the Reader of the Torah, Ralph Kestenbaum, Reader of the Service and Shepherd Levmore, Speaker.

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.

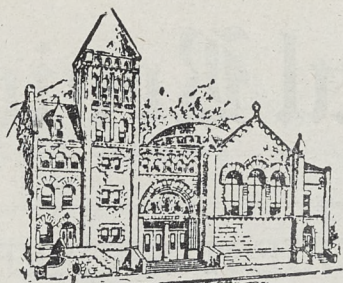
CUB PACK No. 23

Cub Pack No. 23 of which Morton S. Cohen is the Cubmaster, will have its Cub Pack meeting on Wednesday night, December 19th, at 7:30, at our Synagogue. All cubs and children of "cub" age (from 9 to 12) are invited to attend.

CONDOLENCE

We wish to express our deepest sympathies to our Director WILLIAM HOROWITZ upon the loss of his brother SAMUEL HOROWITZ.

May the Almighty comfort you and all mourners of Zion.



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RELIGION AND LABOR

We have just rid ourselves of an external war and an internal war has already begun. Strikes and lock-outs are the masters of the hour. All legislative proposals, except President Truman's "Thirty Day Cooling-Off Period," fail to attempt to prevent strikes. Making strikes illegal will not solve the problem. It was not the illegality of strikes which prevented their occurrence during the war. There was a deeper reason for the absence of strikes. It lay in that both, the employer and the employee produced for the sake of use rather than for profit.

This calls for reeducation in industry. And this is where religion must step in. Social justice is the cornerstone of religion. To preserve religion as asceticism is to mummify it. Religion cannot be neutral or passive or nitrogenic in the economic domain.

And when industrial disputes arise, the invitation to certain religious leaders will be a blessed augury. By their intervention, teaching and persuasion more justice will be done than is perhaps otherwise possible.

P. H. S.



236th COMMANDMENT

"Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people."

By Rabbi Herbert S Goldstein

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The purpose of this commandment is to keep us back from talebearing as it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 19, verse 16, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer", which means one should not tattle except to prevent one from doing harm or destroying or intriguing (See Book of Esther). Another meaning of talebearing is peddler. In other words one should not tattle about dealing in scandal and malicious hearsay, getting the secrets of people and retailing them wherever he goes (Rashi). The purpose of this com-

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mandment is that the Holy One, Blessed be He, desires for the good of the creatures whom He hath created to have peace prevail in their midst, for tale-bearing leads to strife and contention. This commandment is a warning against the social malady alienating husband and wife parents and children and friend and friend. It is, to quote Maimonides, "A mischievous business even if the report is true and told without malice". Dr. Hertz in his Bible Comments quotes Adam Clarke, the well-known Christian commentator on the Bible who said, "A more despicable character exists not; such a person is a pest to society and should be exiled from the habitation of man".

There are many detailed commandments and exhortations concerning this matter of talebearing which the Bible cautions against and which our Rabbis in the Talmud warn us and caution us that both

רכילות

(slander) and

לשון הרע

(tale-bearing) are part-

ners. In other words, gossip or talebearing may often do as much harm as slander. Hence we pray three times daily at the close of the eighteen benedictions, 'O my G-d keep my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile'.

AS WE GO TO PRINT!

We have just received the following Cablegram from London which speaks for itself. Please send your contribution in money, clothing and food to the Synagogue — checks should be made out to the order of "Food for the Jewish Children of Europe."

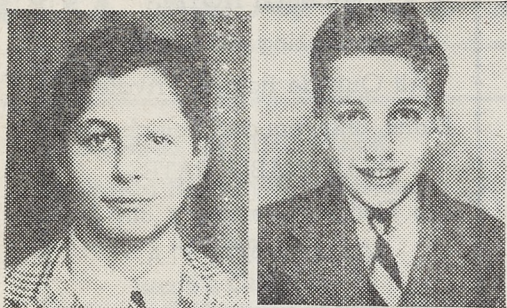
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Have had personal discussions with Rabbi Meisels of Belsen Bergen and Mrs Orlean of Bais Yaakov Group of German Camps Captain Lonheit of French and American Zones of German and Austrian Camps and Askenazi and Rabbi Osheri of Italian Camps Stop All report tragic suffering and misery Stop Kosher food especially meat vegetable fat powder milk egg powder soap and medical supplies as vitamin tablets aspirin iodine bandages all badly needed Stop Thousand of religious Torah Jews who will starve rather than eat non Kosher food Stop Desperately need good warm colthing because thousands freezing Stop All urgently plead for Tfillin Sforim Arbekanos Mezuzzas and all religious supplies have also discussed matters with delegates Czechslovakia Hungary Roumania Poland where situation is similar and chaotic Stop All are grateful for help we have extended but plead for increased additional aid otherwise conditions catastrophic Stop It is of paramount importance we act quickly and do everything possible bringing relief to our unfortunate brethren Stop I plead you take immediate action

Michael Tress 27 Lordship Park London

BAR MITZVAH



Albert Waller Melvin Bedrick

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bedrick upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Melvin, and to Mr. and Mrs. Waller upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Albert, which will be held this Shabbus at our Synagogue.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monday night 7:30 - Talmud - Rabbi Hurwitz.

Monday night 7:45 - Beginners Hebrew - Seymour A. Wadler.

Monday night 7:45 - Intermediate Hebrew - Max Kobre.

Monday night 7:45 - Advanced Hebrew - Ella Shurin.

Monday night 8:30 - Discussion, "What Is (Orthodox) Judaism?" - Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein - Followed by Forum.

Wednesday night 8:00 - Yiddish - Rabbi Philip H. Singer.

Wednesday night 9:00 - Chumash and Rashi - Rabbi Philip H. Singer.

Thursday night 9:00 - Movements and Trends in Jewish History and Books That Have Made Judaism - Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig.

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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Vayigash

Lighting of Candles	4:12
Mincha	3:45
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	5:04

Daily Services—

Sunday	6:45, 8:45
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:15

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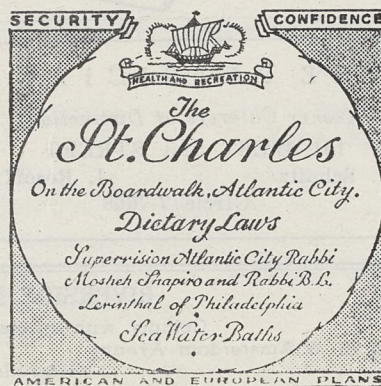
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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow

A question was asked by a gentleman residing in this vicinity which startled me, because it proved that all our attempts to acquaint everyone with our activities, apparently did not reach all the people.

The question was "What do you do, in addition to being a Synagogue to deserve the support of the community? My answer attempted in a few words to explain our aims and ideals.

"We have many clubs and groups meeting in our building under the capable supervision of a social director. We have a Hebrew School with experienced teachers, for the young boys and girls. We have a Layman's Institute for the education of the adult. We have a Forum with prominent speakers discussing topics of the day. In addition, we raise funds for a number of worthy charities and welfare organizations.

May I ask you, our readers, who are acquainted with our activities to inform all your friends of our earnest endeavors to serve the entire community.

GETTING PERSONAL

Orchids to that group of women who were in a large measure responsible for the outstanding success of the Women's League Luncheon last Tuesday afternoon at the Hotel Ambassador. These include, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Chairman, Mrs. Reggie Livingston, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Harry Ward and Mrs. Lester Udell, Treasurer and Co-Treasurer, Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mrs. Jess Ward, Chairman and Co-Chairman of Prizes, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen and Mrs. Jules Shaftan, Chairman and Co-Chairman on Bond Subscription and our capable and conscientious President, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein. Thanks to the Simon Brothers for . . . their gift of a shofar which belonged to their late beloved father Sol Simon . . . It is indeed a fine remembrance on the Day of Remembrance . . . Mrs. Etta Landau was not at Synagogue . . . Is there any connection between this absence and the lateness of her mother, Mrs. Margaretten . . . We understand that one of our younger members of the "Chevra T'hilim", Director Adolph Meierowitz, is away on a short vacation . . . We were delighted to have our dear Rebbetzin Goldstein at Synagogue . . . Major Gerald Blankfort is in for a very welcome visit . . . We have another Major in our W. S. I. S. Family . . . Herman A. Benjamin, has been promoted to the rank of Major . . . Rabbi Hurwitz was not with us last Shabbos . . . and we missed his melodious reading of the Torah . . . Rabbi Singer furnished a sample of Chassidic Chazonuth on Friday night, Cantor Yavneh surely enjoyed it . . . We have a new Marco Polo, Max M. Horowitz flew 15,000 miles during the short period that he has been away from the Synagogue . . . Floridian news. How's it out there Samuel W. Siegel and Maurice Greenstein? . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaplan and family will soon be joining them . . . Birthday card to Mrs. Jane Udell who is now 75 years young. The occasion was marked by a Family Reunion at the Waldorf . . . Matriarch, Mrs. Regina Margareten was also feted by her family, upon her birthday . . . Also to Nathan Frank upon his 78th birthday, Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Mortimer Morris, Sam Rubel, Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Pop Wartels' boss Bessie . . . We pray for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Joseph Feldstein.

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