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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Vayichee

Jacob's Old Age

"AND JACOB LIVED IN THE LAND OF EGYPT SEVENTEEN YEARS." According to the Rabbis, these seventeen years were the happiest of his whole life. The preceding one hundred and thirty years were taken up with wandering, hiding, sorrow or persecution, but during these seventeen years Jacob was free from all personal worries.

Death of Jacob

"AND THE TIME DREW NIGH THAT ISRAEL MUST DIE," ETC. The expression "drew nigh" is repeated in the First Book of Chronicles, Chapter 2, verse 1, as we read, "Now that the day of David drew nigh that he should die." This expression, the Rabbis say, means that the person spoken of did not reach the same age as his father.

Joseph's Oath

"AND HE CALLED HIS SON JOSEPH, AND SAID UNTO HIM, PUT I PRAY THEE, THY HAND UNDER MY THIGH," ETC. This same phrase was used by Abraham in Chapter 24, Verse 2. The act of putting the hand under one's thigh was a ceremony showing authority over him that put his hand thus, and was indicative of a solemn oath. Jacob made Joseph swear because he was afraid lest Pharaoh might veto a mere promise which Joseph had made. When, however, Pharaoh would be told that Joseph had taken an oath and had sworn unto his father, then he would not be likely to deter Joseph from carrying out the agreement.

Kindness After Death

"AND DEAL KINDLY AND TRULY WITH ME; BURY ME NOT, I PRAY THEE, IN EGYPT." The kindness done to a dead person is the truest form of kindness, for the dead person is unable to reciprocate in any way and the deed is therefore done without the expectation of getting anything in return. It is for this reason that we name the society for the burial of the dead **חֲדַד שֶׁל אִמָּת** meaning "true kindness."

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST NO. 297

J. W. V.

The Buddy Friedman Post will hold their meeting on Wednesday night, December 26th, for the purpose of electing officers. All members and new veterans are requested to attend this meeting.

APARTMENTS FOR VETERANS

Many of the boys of our congregation and this community are returning from the Armed Forces and are seeking apartments. If you have an apartment to rent or know of one we would greatly appreciate if you would notify our office. Our boys have lived in foxholes for our sake. Let us in appreciation help them establish themselves in comfortable homes.

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE CONCERT

Our Annual Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House which will be held on Sunday evening, Jan. 27, 1946, promises to be of an outstanding character. Do not lose time and make your reservations now. Tickets are priced from \$1.50 to \$8.50. You may make your reservations by mail or phone.

YOUR WILL

To insure the distribution of your possessions in accordance with your wishes, be sure to make a will.

If you wish to have our Institution continue its noble work, make a provision in your will as follows: I give and bequeath to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a religious Corporation, of 120-138 West 76th Street, New York City, the sum of

URGENT

Last Shabbos Rabbi Goldstein appealed to the Congregation to contribute money, food and clothing for our destitute brethren in the various camps in Poland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Italy, who are starving because they are not provided with Kosher Food. We also appeal to our reading audience to contribute their share. Checks are to be made payable to Food For Jewish Children Of Europe Inc.

BAR MITZVAH



Albert Garfinkle

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garfinkle upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Albert, which will be held this Shabbos in our Synagogue.

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be held Shabbos with Kurt Stern as reader of the Torah, Samuel Ward, reader of Service and Morton Kamerman, Speaker.

Condolence

We express our deepest sympathies to our revered rabbi and teacher

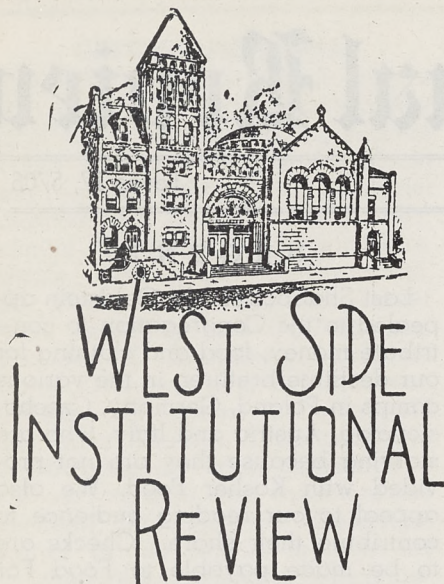
Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

and to his brother and sisters Nat C. Goldstein, Effie Planco, Hannah Blankfort, Lillian Levine upon the loss they have sustained in the death of their dear and pious mother

SARAH MIRIAM GOLDSTEIN ז"ל

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

May her soul be bound up in the bond of Life.



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THEY MUST NOT DIE!

UNRRA Director-General, Herbert H. Lehman, testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee disclosed that 1,300,000 "displaced persons" have not been repatriated. Of these, Lehman said, 800,000 are Poles, about 207,000 are nationals of former enemy countries, approximately 35,000 are Russians and some 234,000 are listed as "miscellaneous." What no Jews? Perhaps, they are now called Poles, Russians and miscelleaneo. But they, obviously, received no special attention, as Jews. And what about those pious Jews who refuse to eat anything but Kosher food, were they cared for?

It is true that UNRRA appropriated some sum for the JDC. But the JDC did not go out of its way to provide Kosher food. Will we, orthodox Jews allow our brethren to starve because they want to adhere to the dictates of the Torah? We, American Jews, can help them by sending them food, clothing, medical supplies or by contributing money. We Americans owe it to them in expression of our gratitude for being spared the horrors of war. Let us not shirk our duty. P. H. S.



236th COMMANDMENT

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

By Rabbi Herbert S Goldstein

II

We are to be very considerate of the feelings of others as for instance as we read in Baba Kamma that if a person hanged for a crime another person should not say to him, "Hang the fish," so also should one be careful not to praise one before his enemy for it is written in the Book of Proverbs Chapter 27, Verse 14, "He that praiseth his friend early in the morning . . . it shall be counted a curse to him." Any person who praises his friend before an enemy, causes the enemy to seek the bad in

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him and ends by cursing him.

This commandment pertains to all places and to all times, to male and female and one who transgresses it is as if he breaks the law of the King of Kings, Blessed be He. There are no stripes connected with this commandment because it is merely speech without an accompanying act. Although there are no stripes sometimes the tale-bearer may be guilty of a death penalty, e. g., when he becomes an informer. Our Rabbis regard an informer (mosur) as the most abanded creature among all evil-doers of their kind." An informer on his way to deliver his message for the purpose of having any other person receive the death penalty, is to be prevented at all costs even if he is to be killed. He who performs the act is praiseworthy. While the (mosur) may be killed by anybody to prevent him from turning informer, yet his money is not to be destroyed.

The Bible and the Talmud have the following thought — A man may be wicked but his children may turn out to be righteous as we read in the Book of Job, "The wicked prepares his wealth but the righteous (the child) clothes himself therewith." Job 27:17.

COMMISSION UNTO DEATH

By Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman

Aye, investigate. Climb over the ashes and bones of the five million dead and investigate. Stand at the side of the mass graves filled with anonymous corpses and investigate. Walk among the silent emblems of the cemeteries in North Africa, count the Jewish Stars, and investigate. Study the sordid existence of Jewish girls from once proud homes in the filthy streets of Shanghai, and investigate. Sit down to eat with the thousands of little children in Western Europe who know not where father and mother have been lost, and investigate.

There is an old rule in the Hebrew faith that, in time of danger, one must cut his prayers short and act. Let nobody be surprised, therefore, if the Jews in Europe, especially the younger people among them, will decide to make short the recitation of the Kaddish, will grow weary of standing a long Shmoneh Esre and

will move in irresistible waves towards the shores of their land. The commission will not arrive unescorted. A staff of "illegal" immigrants will accompany them to investigate the situation in the Holy Land. And Palestine eagerly awaits the arrival of these immigrants. Let the others go on investigating; let them draw up long columns of statistics; let them make surveys, sociological, economic, geographic, in their studious manner; the soil that was given to the Jewish people by the Almighty will respond to none of this. It is soil that is like unto an infant, which will not be at peace until nursed by its own mother. The commission can find out how productive the deserts of Palestine were in the many centuries of Arab occupation, and what civilization has gained in the few decades of Jewish settlement. While the commission takes its time, the Jewish nation will do its own appointing. To this commission unto death we will reply with a commission unto life. We are too tired to die any more, we have no strength for it.

ETIQUETTE FROM THE BIBLE

HOME LIFE

Note to Nagging Wives

It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house in common with a contentious woman. It is better to dwell in a desert land, than with a contentious and fretful woman. —Proverbs 21:9, 19.

Burdening One's Family with Troubles

Thine own friends, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity; for better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off.

—Proverbs 27:10.

Calmness and Content at Mealtime

Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, than a house full of feasting with strife.

—Proverbs 17:1.

Graciousness

A gracious woman retaineth honor.

—Proverbs 11:16.

SOCIAL LIFE

Respect for Elders

* Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man. —Leviticus 19:32.

Speaking Pleasantly

Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. —Proverbs 16:24.

PING-PONG TOURNAMENT

A Ping-Pong Tournament between our Talmud Torah and Beth Hillel Institute will be held this Sunday afternoon 2 P.M. in our Ping-Pong room.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Classes of the Laymen's Institute will not meet during the period of Dec. 24th to Jan. 7th.

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Lighting Candles	4:14
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	5:06

Daily Services—

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

Followed by class in Schulchan Aruch

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THROUGH THE SYNAGOGUE

NOTE OF WELCOME

Mr. Joseph I. Salzman, our Social Director announces that Brith Trumpeldor of America, which is organizing a Zionist school for young men, college students, and war veterans, has been extended the facilities of our Social Department for weekly meetings. To the supporters of this school, whose purpose it is to bring its members closer to Jewish tradition through the medium of lectures by leading Zionists, we extend a warm welcome and wishes for success in their undertaking.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

On a previous occasion, I have touched upon the importance of having your children receive a religious education, and have urged upon you, our readers, to send your children to our Hebrew School.

A statement recently made, summarizes so well the arguments which apply, that I think it well worth repeating.

"I send my children to Hebrew School to acquire a knowledge of Hebrew and to understand the prayers we recite daily. I want them to know the history of our people,—their struggles, their tragic sacrifices, and the glorious deeds of their heroic ancestors, and be proud of their heritage. I want them to hold their heads erect because they will possess a knowledge of the fundamentals of our faith. I dare not face the alternative of having my children grow up ignorant to suffer the humiliation which accompanies ignorance, and blame their parents for having failed to equip them properly. I sincerely believe that in giving my children a religious education I am not only enriching their lives, but I am also enhancing their opportunity for happier lives."



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Getting Personal

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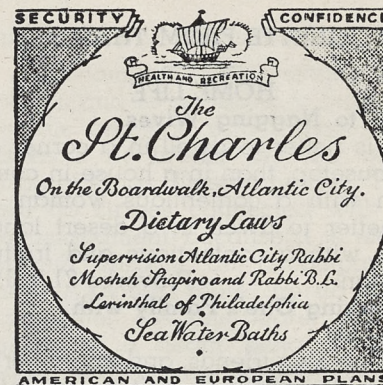
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