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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Shimos

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Palestine

"NOW THESE ARE THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, WHICH CAME INTO EGYPT; EVERY MAN AND HIS HOUSEHOLD CAME WITH JACOB."

We note also, that only the children of Israel and not the children of Esau and Ishmael, came forward to shoulder this responsibility of exile, the ancestral liability. Consequently they had no share in the ancestral assets, the Torah, the Holy Land and eternal existence.

Biblical Names For Our Children

Verses 2, 3, and 4, give the original Hebrew names of Jacob's children. The Midrash tells us, that because the children of Israel did not change their names, their language, and their mode of dress, they were not assimilated by the overwhelming majority of people among whom they lived.

First Ghetto

"AND ALL THE SOULS THAT CAME OUT OF THE LOINS OF JACOB WERE SEVENTY SOULS: FOR JOSEPH WAS IN EGYPT ALREADY."

Joseph, who was there before them, prepared the way for their coming. By his conduct towards Potiphar's wife, he spared his relative from being molested by advances of an adulterous character, on the part of the natives. This saved Israel from having its blood mixed with, and adulterated by, the Egyptians. When Joseph assigned Goshen to his family as their dwelling place he created the first Ghetto and gave the children of Israel the opportunity of carrying out the tenets of their faith undisturbed.

Communal Workers-Student

"AND JOSEPH DIED, AND ALL HIS BRETHREN, AND ALL THAT GENERATION." Joseph died the youngest and Levi, the oldest. Our Rabbis ascribe Joseph's early death to the fact that he had to bear the burdens of leadership (see Talmud Berachos 55a) and Levi's advanced age, to the fact that he was engaged wholly in the study of the traditions, and in the worship of G-d.

REGISTRATION FOR TALMUD TORAH



Registration for new students for the Spring Term in our Kindergarten, Talmud Torah and High School will begin next week. All parents are urged to enroll their children immediately and thus fulfill this most vital responsibility to their children and contribute their share in promoting a healthy and vigorous Jewish life.

CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

WANTED

Volunteers for packing clothing and food to be shipped to Europe at the local branch station, of the Food for Jewish Children, 272 West 86th Street. Please communicate with Mrs. Greenman, SC. 4-7529, if you can help.

Packing is done on Monday afternoons from 1 to 3 P. M. and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 8 to 10 P. M.

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be held this Shabbos with Gideon Goldman, Reader of the Torah, Laurence Rosan, Reader of Services, and David Buchsbaum, Speaker.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Classes of the Laymen's Institute will be resumed on Monday night, January 7th after the Mid-year vacation. At this time we are able to announce that new students can join the classes. Please call or write to the Synagogue indicating your desire to register. This is an opportunity, that should not be passed up lightly.

FOOD FOR JEWISH CHILDREN OF EUROPE

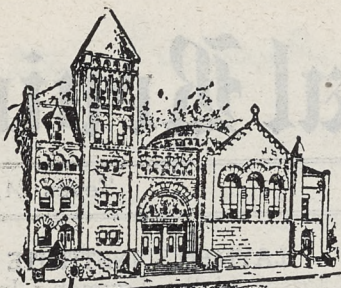
In response to our appeal in the Synagogue and the Review the following have contributed:

Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Rachel Barowsky, Bruno Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bayer in memory of Sarah Miriam Goldstein, S. Bendheim, Henry Blankfort, Joseph Blankfort, Mrs. M. Blumberg, A. M. Davis, Mrs. B. Ehrenfeld, Abe Glaser, Anna Gleichenhau, Deborah Jane Goldstein, in memory of her great-grandmother, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Mose Goodman, Mrs. Louis R. Gottlieb, Richard Grossman, David Hyams, Herbert Hirsch, Emanuel B. Jacobs, Mrs. Irving W. Karpf, Ella M. Kronberg, Sadelle Kaufman, Mrs. Barnett Joseph, Charles H. Landis, Harold Levine, Mark Linker, Lax Bros., Bernat Mayerowitz, Leonore Mendelsohn, Louis Reisman, In memory of Sarah Miriam Goldstein the following three donated, Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Settel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silver, Simon Bros., Oscar Stein, Dr. H. I. Stern, Lester Udell, Aaron Wartels, Benjamin Wiener, Kathleen Wiener, Lynton C. Wiener, Dr. Samuel Weiss.

And again we appeal to our readers to please send in their share to help save our starving brethren abroad. Make checks payable to Food for Jewish Children of Europe Inc.

OUR CONCERT

If you have as yet not secured tickets for our Annual Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House which will be held on Sunday evening, Jan. 27th we advise that you do so at once. Tickets are priced from \$1.50 to \$8.50. You may order your tickets by mail or by calling TRafalgar 7-8281.



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THE CHRISTIAN JEW

During this period of the year the Church is very eager to publish and publicize any material which has any missionary value, especially if written by a Jew.

An anonymous article entitled, "When The Wall Is Fallen" appeared in the December issue of the Atlantic Monthly. The editor assures us that the author is a Jew born on the East Side and reared in the orthodox faith but he married a gentile and was slightly converted, i. e. he attends church although he was not baptised. He can therefore write now as an "expert" on Judaism and Christianity.

He belongs to no particular church but to all-Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational. Still more, when a minyon for the HighHoly Days was needed in the Midwestern college town, he joined their services too. No reader can find any evidence of religious or intellectual sincerity on the part of the author.

I wonder whether the Atlantic Monthly suffers from a shortage of writers and good essays or is it because when it comes to dealing with the Jewish question everything goes?

P. H. S.



237TH COMMANDMENT That Shalt Not Stand Idly By The Blood Of Thy Neighbor

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are bidden not to keep ourselves back from saving a life in Israel as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 16, "Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbor." Not only is it a crime to kill but it is almost as wicked to refrain from interfering, if we feel we can prevent murder.

The Rabbis say in the Talmud Sanhedrin, 73b that when a person's life is in danger one may not stand idly by seeing his neighbor drowning in the river or being attacked by wild animals or robbers, without try-

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ing to rescue him as this commandment indicates, "Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbor." Of course the rescued person must pay for the man's trouble and any expense he has incurred in the rescue. Furthermore, in protecting another person's life we are permitted to take the life of the assailant as we do in self-defense." The Sifrah gives a further application to this verse, as follows,—"If thy fellow-man is accused of a crime, and evidence that would clear him of it, is in thy possession, thou art not at liberty to keep silent," as our verse says, "Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbor." One is also obliged to go out of his way to testify in order to save his fellow-man's money. Of course the purpose of this commandment is to save one's fellow-man. It is to protect civilization by making it possible for one to live in safety. The Holy One Blessed be He, created this world so that we may help one another and thereby aid in the well-being of G-d's creatures.

This law prevails at all places and at all time. It refers to male and female, and one who trespasses it violates a negative commandment.

Thinking Out Loud

Today we pick up the papers and read about the various problems that the veterans are encountering in their return to civilian life. We hear about the G. I. Bill of Rights, battle-fatigue, handicapped veterans, housing, and veterans rights. We would be able to gain a broader, and deeper understanding of the veteran's problems if we read such books as, "THE NEW VETERAN" by Charles Bolte "UP FRONT" by Bill Mauldin, or "HERE IS YOUR WAR" by Ernie Pyle. Read these books and try to understand the mind, and thinking processes of the veteran.

The newspapers and the radio commentators have given us a superficial knowledge of the problems of industrial reconversion. The word "reconversion" is on everyone's lips, but a reading of Henry A. Wallace's "SIXTY MILLION JOBS," will provide us with valuable information, and some logical thinking on the subject of reconversion. Next week, set aside an evening for this powerful and

timely book — it will be well worth your while. Recently the eyes of the world have been focussed on civil war in China, a civil war that is important to every peace-loving American. Yet, how many of us have read "REPORT FROM RED CHINA" by Harrison Forman, or "THE CHALLENGE OF RED CHINA" by Gunther Stein? They are important books — they strip aside the secrecy and mystery that have concealed the activities of our least known ally, China.

Reading is relaxing, reading is entertaining, reading is culturally enriching. For a few moments of good fun pick up Bennet Cerf's "TRY AND STOP ME," or "THE MAN IN THE SHOWER" by Peter Arno. For a stirring reminder of the objectives of World War II read Norman Corwin's "ON A NOTE OF TRIUMPH," and if you enjoy beautiful romantic novels don't miss "THE BALLAD AND THE SOURCE" by Rosamond Lehmann.

Here's an entertainment recipe for the coming winter months — add a good book to the rich warmth of your home.

H. L.

WELCOME ADDITION

A very welcome augmenting of numbers prompts the WIVES to alter the name of their organization to The VETERANS AND WIVES, Central Park Branch. This new organization, like its predecessor is being organized on a nation-wide basis; its purpose, the betterment of the local community in which each branch functions. Our best wishes for your success and may your new members ever increase.

ETIQUETTE FROM THE BIBLE

The "Practical Joker"

As a madman who casteth firebrands, arrows and death; so is the man that deceiveth his neighbor, and saith: Am not I in sport?

—Proverbs 26:18, 19.

On Bragging

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

—Proverbs 27:2.

Minding One's Own Business

He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

—Proverbs 26:17.

"Flying Off the Handle"

He that is slow to anger is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit eateth folly.

—Proverbs 14:29.

CONDOLENCES

We wish to extend our profoundest sympathies to our esteemed members, Murray and William Weinstein upon the loss of their brother ALBERT WEINSTEIN.

To our esteemed members Joseph Gold and Mrs. Ben Levine upon the loss of their father BENJAMIN GOLD.

Also to The family of SARAH ROSENTHAL.

May the Almighty comfort them among the mourners of Zion.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Shimos	
Prayer for New Month—Shivat	
Rosh Chodesh — Thursday	
Lighting Candles	4:18
Mincha	4:20
Saturday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Mesibas Shabbos	2:30
Oneg Shabbos	3:00
Rabbi Singer's Class	3:20
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	3:20
Mincha	4:20
Sabbath Terminates	5:10
Sunday	6:45, 8:45
Tuesday	6:45, 8:45
Thursday	6:30, 7:50
Daily Services	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00
Mincha	4:20

Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Singer.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT

The W.S.I.S. junior ping pong combination consisting of Perlman, Yavneh, Flax, and Goldman hammered out a 6-4 victory over the Beth Hillel Institute in our game room on Sunday afternoon, December 23rd, in a closely-fought set of tournament games. This team is interested in booking additional game. Challenges may be filed with Mr. Salzman, Social Director.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

To make good resolutions the beginning of the Calendar year is a popular pastime. I would like to urge upon you, our readers, to make one good resolution in particular and endeavor to stick to it conscientiously.

Please resolve with all earnestness and sincerity to enroll for one or two courses in our Layman's Institute. You have an opportunity to take up the study of Hebrew—either beginners, intermediate, or advanced, — Highlights of Rashi and other commentaries and the weekly portion of the Law — Books that have made Judaism — Movement and Trends in Jewish History — or you can join the discussion class of Rabbi Goldstein and discover What is Judaism?

If you make such a resolution and stick to it faithfully, you will experience a sense of satisfaction and derive a great deal of enjoyment. The possession of knowledge is very much envied, in addition to inspiring the possessor with confidence and a feeling of superiority. The effort expended to acquire knowledge brings fine rewards. It will be well worth your while.

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Happy Birthday to our Director Adolph Meirowitz and his Mechuton David Kurtz, Reuben Richman, Chas. Cohen . . . Mrs. Samuel Greenman, Mrs. Annie Berkowitz, daughter of our Mrs. Annie Dvorkin will combine their New Years celebration with their Birthday celebration . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond . . . Welcome back to our dear President Lester Udell—he was not feeling well, but as soon as he heard that we are appealing for Food For Children of Europe he came out to Synagogue . . . Last Shabbos we had with us distinguished guests, among them were Rabbi Shoenfeld, assistant to Rabbi Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, who is also his father-in-law. He is directing the Chief Rabbi's Emergency Fund, in whose interest he is visiting the States, also Rabbi Weissbloom of Vienna . . . We had a visitor from another foreign country, namely, Brooklyn . . . Mr. Bernard Solarz, seems to like our services, for he visits us frequently . . . you are very welcome . . . Two weeks ago we had with us Rabbi Kellner of Albany and Rabbi Bialik of Oswego . . . The Rabbis come to listen to a good sermon . . . Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. David Minchenberg who announced the engagement of their daughter, Blossom, to Capt. Howard B. Goldstein, AUS, Dental Corps . . . Congratulations to Mr. Erich Gallia upon his marriage to Miss Anna Fuchs . . . Ditto to Irving Kunofsky of Waterbury, Conn. upon his marriage to Miss Edith Grinker of Morristown, N. J. they were married in our Synagogue last week . . . Prayers for a speedy recovery for Mr. Benj. Schreiber . . . Welcome to our Synagogue Ensign Lynton C. Wiener, son of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Wiener . . . Also welcome back to Commander Bret Davidson of the Merchant Marine . . . he is only 23 years old and has the rank equal to Lieut. Col. in the Army—probably the youngest Commander . . . we are proud of you Bret . . . Welcome home to Julius Schreiber, who is now managing the famous Schreiber Restaurant which is now located at Hotel Milburn . . . Good Luck . . . The Kestenbaum Family is now out skiing in Canada . . . good weathering for Kestenbaum futs . . . And our lovely Annette Pashofsky is now out in California . . . It was nice to have Capt. Bernard Levmore drop in for a visit.

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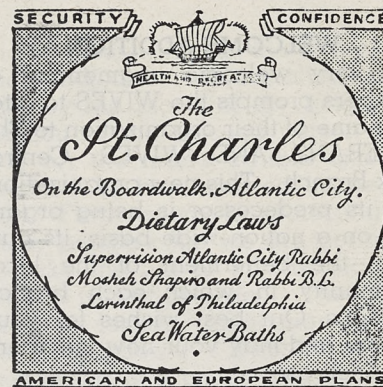
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