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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

סדרה

Vo'ayroh

PROMISSORY NOTE

"And God Spoke Unto Moses, and Said Unto Him, I Am the Lord." In Biblical language, "I am the Lord" is equivalent to a guarantor's signature on a note. God is the guarantor for the fulfillment of the promises.

GOD'S PROMISE

"And I Have Also Heard the Groaning of the Children of Israel, Whom the Egyptians Keep in Bondage; and I Have Remembered My Covenant." Two reasons are given in this verse for the redemption of the Israelites, the first is the Almighty's compassion for them, and the second is the inviolability of God's promise, even though they prove themselves unworthy of having this promise fulfilled.

THE EXILE AND ELIJAH

"Therefore Say, etc., and I Will Bring You Out, etc., and I Will Deliver You, etc., and I Will Redeem You, etc."

"And I Will Take You to Me for a People and I Will Be to You a God, etc." These four expressions of redemption, "I will bring out," "I will deliver," "I will redeem," and "I will take," refer to the four exiles mentioned in the Book of Daniel, namely, the Babylonian, the Persian, the Grecian and, finally, the Roman from which exile we have not yet been redeemed. When we are redeemed from this exile, the messianic era will be at hand. Then there will be no idols or semi-idols but the Oneness of God will be universally recognized. The Rabbis declared that even the poorest of the poor must not fail to drink four cups of wine on the Seder nights. An additional cup, called the cup of Elijah the prophet (but from which we do not drink) is also placed on the Seder table. This custom was instituted to correspond to the fifth expression of deliverance, "And I will be unto you for a God," and is symbolic of the fact that just as Elijah the zealot exterminated the prophets of Baal and restored Israel

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BAR MITZVAH



Richard Steven Gilbert

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Richard Steven, which will be held this Shabbos in our Synagogue.

FOOD FOR JEWISH CHILDREN OF EUROPE

The following are the names of additional contributors to the Food for Jewish Children of Europe campaign: Bethold Engel, Bernard Feinman, Abe Frankel, Miss Betty Friedman, Herman Herring, David Kameron, Mrs. Betty Korn, A. Pollack, Joseph Schwartz, Mrs. Annie Solomon.

Won't you contribute your share and help save our unfortunate brethren who are starving. We dare not turn our backs on them.

Please make checks payable to Food for Jewish Children of Europe, Inc. and mail to our Synagogue today.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Parents are urged to enroll their children for the Spring term during the week of January 7th to the 14th.

It is the duty of every Jewish parent to avail himself of the opportunity of educating his child as a Jew as well as an American. Register your children now for instruction under qualified and experienced teachers. Your child will be happy in our school—in all its departments, the kindergarten, Talmud Torah, and High School.

OPPORTUNITY

A few tickets for choice seats for our Metropolitan Opera House Concert which will be held on Sunday evening, January 27, 1946, are still available.

If you have not purchased your tickets, this is your opportunity. Don't miss it, and contact our office immediately, by mail or phone.

Tickets are priced at \$1.50 to \$8.50.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Classes of the Laymen's Institute will be resumed Monday evening, January 7th. New students for all classes of the Institute will be accepted. All adults who wish to supplement their knowledge of Judaism are urged to register in our Laymen's Institute. The traditional degree of Chaver will be conferred upon the completion of the required course. You may register by consulting Rabbi Philip Harris Singer, Registrar. Do not delay. Enroll at once.

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.

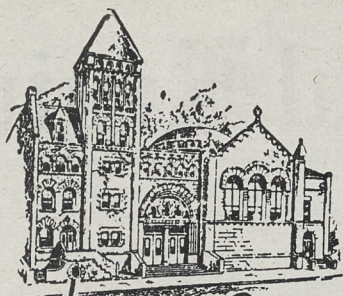
Wednesday night 8:00 - Yiddish - Rabbi Philip H. Singer.

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.

MEN'S CLUB

A meeting of the Men's Club will be held this Monday evening, January 7th, at 8:30 P. M. Refreshments will be served. An enjoyable and interesting evening is insured, so come and bring your friends to this meeting.



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SPIRITUAL VENGEANCE

Last week the first Yeshiva was organized in Munich. Although throughout the trying years there existed a little house of learning in the Camps of Belsen-Bergen, the organization of the Yeshiva in Munich, in particular, appeals to the fantasy, for Munich was the birthplace of Nazism. There, the devil gave birth to his fiendish plans for the extermination of the Jews. There, where the "hands of Esau" manifested itself, we hear the first strains of the "voice of Jacob."

Still more, it is the deans and students of the Yeshiva of Lublin who are organizing this haven of Torah in Munich; and it was their Yeshiva which was the first to be destroyed. For like in the times of the Tanaim, only the books were burned, but the letters soared upward and flew away, and soon they found another resting place.

This is the greatest and most beautiful spiritual vengeance of the Jews.
P. H. S.



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238TH COMMANDMENT

Thou Shalt Not Hate In Thy Heart

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

We are commanded most forcefully not to hate in our heart as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 17, "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart." The Torah wants to impress us with the importance of this commandment because the hatred is covered. Where the hatred is not covered one can see it and understand, regret and repent. For that we have the commandment in the next verse, "Thou shalt not take vengeance nor bear any grudge but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The hatred which is lodged in the heart is the strongest of all

hatred. Therefore the Torah cautions us most strongly against it to which Dr. Hertz in his Commentary has the following to say: "Nursing your grievance against your fellowman. Most of the hating in the world is quite unjustified, groundless hating for its own sake שנאה חנם. 'Thou shalt not hate thy brother in **thine heart**.' Our Rabbis taught that if Scripture had merely said, 'Thou shalt not hate thy brother,' this precept might be explained to mean only that you must not injure him, nor insult him, nor vex him; and so the words 'in thine heart' are added to forbid us even to feel hatred in our heart without giving it outward expression. Causeless hatred ranks with the three cardinal sins; Idolatry, Immorality and Murder. The Second Temple, although in its time flourished and G-d's commandments study of the Law and good works were obeyed, was destroyed because of causeless hatred (Achai Gaon). When it is fed by racial rivalry or religious bigotry, causeless hatred petrifies the heart and becomes organized malice. None have suffered, and are still suffering, from causeless hatred more than the Jewish People.

Thinking Out Loud

No Munich in the Americas
By Abe Weiss

The reports reaching the United States of continued attacks upon Jewish communities in Argentina impel us to expose the growing menace these attacks represent not only to the survival of our people—who have a proud history of resistance to tyranny—but also to the future security of all humanity. For in our demand that these flagrant anti-Semitic aggressions stop, we are joined by the decent democratic sentiment around the globe.

The war-weary nations have learned at a ghastly price how officially condoned window-breaking of Jewish shops can reverberate beyond national borders and ultimately shatter the very foundations of world civilization. They should not be caught napping this time. They did not destroy the madman of the Old World to have his seed spring up again in the new one.

These state-sponsored pogroms cannot be regarded as a purely,

intra-Argentine affair. The better elements among the Argentine people know that the riots are without cause. Nor have they diverted attention from the basic economic and political chaos of the present regime.

The world recognizes these tactics now as it had failed to do before.

And it should act now. In accord with the expressed policy of the leading Latin-American nations, the United States Government is on record as favoring the extirpation of the anti-democratic cancer at its first symptoms. When humanitarian pleas fail, more forceful measures should be taken.

There is no Munich in the Americas. The United Nations have had their fill of compromising and backsliding.

Argentina can still redeem herself in the eyes of the civilized world. Those officials responsible for the attacks upon a law-abiding minority must be promptly removed from office and punished. The street gang leaders and their hoodlum followers must be brought to a speedy trial. Full religious and civil liberties must be guaranteed to the Jewish community and adequate compensation for property losses made.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

A regular Board Meeting of the Women's League will be held on Monday, January 7th at 1:30 P. M. at the home of Miss Bessie Abrams, 174 West 76th Street. Final reports of the Luncheon will be presented and a social hour will follow.

ETIQUETTE FROM THE BIBLE

Speaking Softly

A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. —Proverbs 15:1.

Keeping Confidences

A talebearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter. —Proverbs 11:13.

CONDOLENCE

We wish to express our sympathies to Mrs. Herman Levine upon the loss of her father

FRANK KOSTANT

May the Almighty comfort you amongst the rest of the mourners of Zion.

Sedrah of the Week

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to the worship of God, so we are in hopes that He may soon herald in our day, the coming of the Messiah.

PATIENCE

"And He Commanded Them About the Children of Israel and About Pharaoh, the King of Egypt." This translation is in line with the Rabbinic interpretation. The Rabbis remark that Moses and Aaron were exhorted by God to have patience with Israel. Though they might be troublesome and quarrelsome, yet Moses and Aaron should never lose their tempers nor give vent to their feelings in an abusive manner. Thus Moses was later punished for having said, "Hear, ye rebellious." Because Isaiah said, "And in the middle of a people of unclean lips I am dwelling," an angel flew to him with a burning coal symbolizing that he deserved to have his lips burnt for having slandered Israel. Because Elijah expressed himself harshly against Israel in the words, "Israel forsook thy covenant, thy Prophets they slew with the sword, etc.," he was dismantled and ordered to appoint Elisha in his stead.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Vo'ayroh

Lighting Candles	4:24
Friday Mincha	4:30
Saturday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Mesibas Shabbos	2:30
Oneg Shabbos	3:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	3:30
Rabbi Singer's Class	3:30
Mincha	4:30
Sababth Terminates	5:15

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings	6:45, 8:00
Mincha	4:30
Followed by class in Shulcan Aruch conducted by Rabbi Singer	

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be held this Shabbos with Jason Jacobowitz as Reader of Torah, Kurt Stern, Reader of Service and Morton Cohen, Speaker.



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Hardly a day passes without some family in our Congregation experiencing the happiness of having a son return to the family fold after being away serving our armed forces. Many other families are eagerly looking forward to the return of those sons still away.

All of us feel deeply the obligation to aid the returning veteran in adjusting himself to normal life. As an important step in accomplishing that objective, the WSIS has sponsored the organization of the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 of the Jewish War Veterans, now meeting in our building regularly.

We urge all of you, our readers, to persuade the returning veterans to join this active organization, and participate in the very ambitious program now planned.

If a goodly number of our boys will band together, they will invest this organization with a voice that will be heard and heeded when it speaks out on behalf of some needed reform. In addition the boys themselves will benefit from the curative value of being engaged in useful and interesting endeavor. It is well worth a trial.

Getting Personal

Happy birthday greetings to Naomi Anderson, Myra Greenman, Maurice Spanbock, Mrs. A. H. Cohen, Jacob Golden, and Rabbi Singer . . . Wedding anniversary bells are ringing for Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz . . . Congratulations to Mr. Louis Dreifus upon his becoming a grandfather for the first time by the birth of a bouncing boy, Marc Edward delivered to Mr. and Mrs. William Dreifus . . . Mazel Tov also to Mr. Bernat Mayerowitz upon his becoming a grandfather by the birth of a grandson Sanford George, born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rothman . . . Our best wishes for a Bon Voyage to Mr. Joseph Wallman who is going back to Palestine . . . Our apologies to Simeon H. F. Goldstein, for referring to him as a Pfc. . . Didn't you know, he is a Corporal? So we repeat, Happy birthday to Corporal Simeon H. F. Goldstein . . . Our heartiest thanks to Cantor Isidore Lauer for his pinch-hitting and offering us a beautiful Sabbath morning service . . . Harry Ward did a very fine job last shabbos morning in assisting our Gabbai Aaron Wartels in distributing the honors and announcing the pages in a fine ringing voice . . . He was pinch-hitting for Harold Kaplan, who is sunning himself in Miami. . . . Get on line in front of the Town Hall box office and get your tickets for January the 12th . . . Nicki Galpeer, daughter of our good friend, Mrs. Etta Jaffin, is giving a vocal concert . . . Our Director and Mrs. Moses Langer are vacationing in the sunny south . . . The leaders in the sale of tickets for our forthcoming Concert at the Metropolitan Opera, on Sunday evening, January 27th, 1946, are Directors Julius Bayer, Morris Levine and Lester Udell. We certainly are proud of you. . . . We hope Julius Bayer has recovered from his cold. We missed him last week . . . We were glad to see Jack Rothenstein in Schul last Saturday. The weather didn't keep him away . . . Our Director Moe Oltarsh, President of the Men's Club is now vacationing in Florida. We hope he will bring back some new stories for the next meeting of the Men's Club this Monday evening. . . . We noted the absence of Director Jacob H. Silverstein from Schul the last few Saturdays . . . Here is hoping that you made some worth-while resolutions for 1946 . . . Health, happiness and prosperity to all . . .

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