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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Plagues

"AND THAT THOU MAYEST TELL IN THE EARS OF THY SON, AND OF THY SON'S SON, WHAT THINGS I HAVE WROUGHT IN EGYPT, AND MY SIGNS WHICH I HAVE DONE AMONG THEM; THAT YE MAY KNOW HOW THAT I AM LORD." These plagues were to serve as a means to a higher end, namely, as an evidence to future generations of the Omnipotence of God. This would be possible if the first generation would be duly impressed. Therefore the verse concludes, "That YE may know how that I am the Lord."

Religious Worship

"AND MOSES AND ARON WERE BROUGHT AGAIN UNTO PHARAOH: AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO, SERVE THE LORD YOUR GOD: BUT WHO ARE THEY THAT SHALL GO?" Pharaoh could not conceive of the idea that to worship God was the inalienable right of all. That poor and rich should worship alike at the same time, and at the same place, were thoughts foreign to his spirit.

Judaism

"AND MOSES SAID, WE WILL GO WITH OUR YOUNG AND WITH OUR OLD, WITH OUR SONS AND WITH OUR DAUGHTERS, WITH OUR FLOCKS AND WITH OUR HERDS WILL WE GO; FOR WE MUST HOLD A FEAST UNTO THE LORD."

"AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, LET THE LORD BE WITH YOU, AS I WILL LET YOU GO, AND YOUR LITTLE ONES." Pharaoh failed to understand the Jewish view of religion. To the Jew, his religion and his life are one and inseparable. Judaism is a complete civilization, comprising every phase of human activity, and therefore it necessitates a long and full training. It cannot begin too early for there is much to learn. He probably thought, as so many do today, that it implies some few forms, for the knowledge and practice of which but little time is required.

MONDAY NIGHT FORUM RESUMES PANEL DISCUSSION FOLLOWS CLASS

Topic of Discussion: "Youth Looks to the Synagogue"

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST NO. 297

At the last Post meeting presided over by Commander Max E. Sanders, the following officers have been elected:

Leonard Feinstein, Commander
Arthur Gottlieb, Senior Vice Commander

Seymour Morsoff, Junior Vice Commander.

At the same meeting a resolution was unanimously passed that the Post donated in memory of Buddy Friedman, to the Yeshivah University Scholarship Fund the sum of \$2,500, to be paid annually at the rate of \$250. The new officers will be installed on January 30th, 1946.

Rabbi Goldstein returns this Monday evening to resume his class in "What Is Orthodox Judaism."

The 613 Club, a group of young men and women of the congregation will present their viewpoints in a panel discussion on, "Youth Looks to the Synagogue." Mr. Harold Levine, President of the club, Miss Zelda Guttman, Mr. Ben Weiss, and Miss Lenore Kaplan will be the speakers.

These young adults will discuss the social, economic, political, and religious aspects of the Synagogue as it affects the youth of the community.

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE CONCERT SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 27TH, 1946

PROGRAM

- (1) The Merry Wives of Windsor—Overture Nicolai
Orchestra
- (2) Rigoletto—Act III (in costume) Verdi
Gilda—Mimi Benzell
Rigoletto—Francesco Valentino
The Duke—Richard Tucker
A Page—Thelma Altman and Chorus
Marullo—Geore Cehanovsky
Ceprano—John Baker
Borsa—Richard Manning
- (3) Carmen—Aria of Micaela Bizet
Nadine Conner
- (4) Carmen—Aria "La Fleur" Bizet
Raoul Jobin
- (5) Don Carlos—Aria "O don Fatale" Verdi
Blanche Thebom
- (6) Don Giovanni—Aria "Madamina" Mozart
Salvatore Baccaloni
- (7) Lakme—Ballet (in costume) Delibes
- (8) Aida—Act II, Scene I (in costume) Verdi
Aida—Florence Kirk
Amneris—Martha Lipton
Chorus and Ballet
- (9) La Forza del Destino—Aria "Otu che in sene agl'angeli" Verdi
Richard Tucker
- (10) Orfeo ed Euridice—Aria "Che faro" Gluck
Blanche Thebom
- (11) Il Barbiero di Siviglia—Aria "La calunnia" Rossini
Salvatore Baccaloni
- (12) Lakme—The Bell Song Delibes
Pierrette Alarie
- (13) Faust—Kermesse Scene (in costume) Gounod
Chorus and Ballet
Marguerite—Maxine Stellman
Siebel—Thelma Altman
Faust—Thomas Hayward
Valentin—Robert Merrill
Mephistopheles—Nicola Moscona
Wagner—John Baker
Conductor Paul Breisach
Stage Director Desire Defrere
Chorus Master Kurt Adler
Choreographer Boris Romanoff



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DISCORD

Yehudi Menuhin is very insistent in telling us once and again that the Nazi conductor, Furtwangler, is an artist and not a politician, and he therefore pardons him for his music which he furnished for Hitler. The "Knickerbocker," an English-Dutch newspaper, once already criticized Menuhin for engaging a Nazi as his impresario in post-war Holland.

Many musicians served Hitler. Amongst them were Richard Strauss, Furtwangler, Fritzer, Fritz Stein, Bockhause, Giskind, Franz Lehar. They supplied the music which was played when the Jews were led to the gas chambers. And did they protest against these devilish acts? Did they refuse to be paid for their music with bread which was soaked in Jewish blood? The Nazis claimed that there was a certain music which was specifically "Aryan" music. Then how is it that Furtwangler's music was accepted while Bach was rejected?

How can Menuhin, the son of a Hebrew teacher, who bears the proud name of Yehudi associate himself with these "pure" artists whose violins are smeared with Jewish blood?

P. H. S.



238TH COMMANDMENT

Thou Shalt Not Hate In Thy Heart

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

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The Talmud instances the Emperor Hadrian's conduct as typical of men swayed by such hatred. One day on Hadrian's journey in the East, a Jew passed the imperial train and saluted the Emperor. Hadrian was beside himself with rage. 'You, a Jew, dare to greet the Emperor! You shall pay for this with your life.' In the course of the same day, another Jew passed him, and warned by example, he did not greet Hadrian. 'You, a Jew, dare to pass the Em-

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peror without a greeting,' he angrily exclaimed. 'You have forfeited your life.' To his astonished courtiers he replied: I hate the Jews. Whatever they do, I find intolerable. I therefore, make use of any pretext to destroy them.' So are all anti-Semites; so, all slaves of 'causeless hatred.' The Rabbis further understood this commandment as prohibiting one from bearing a grudge because he has not the courage to tell his grievances to the offending party. If you register your complaints with the offender there is a possibility that he may remedy matters to your satisfaction, whereas if he is not conscious of your grievances he may go on offending you indefinitely without being conscious of so doing.

The purpose of this commandment is evidenced namely that hatred in the heart is covered hatred that causes great evil for it is as if there were a sword always lurking within a man against his neighbor. This is one of the greatest of sins. Certainly no self-respecting intelligent person should allow himself to be guilty of violating this commandment and permitting an unwonted hatred and prejudice to exist.

Thinking Out Loud

Joshua, the successor of Moses, crossed the River Jordan and found himself on the eve of a great campaign. He was near the city of Jericho. This was the first fortress which he was to capture. It was his first real attempt at the conquest of the land. No doubt it was a moment of earnest and eager soul-searching. He was eager, tense, and concerned.

At that moment a vision came to him. Standing near the city of Jericho, there suddenly appeared before him a Captain of the Heavenly Host in human form, his sword drawn, awe-inspiring. Joshua approaches him and asks him: "Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?" And when he learns who his visitor is, he prostrates himself before him, and asks for a charge. The only charge he gets is "Put off thy shoe from thy foot, for the place whereon thy standest is holy."

Today, we of American Jewry are

on the eve of a great decision. As Americans, we should be thankful for dwelling in this country. We should be willing to bless every moment which we enjoy in peace and in brotherhood. But ARE WE? Have we yet realized that by remaining in different camps we are helping our adversaries. Are we willing to remain unified, and to answer to our fellow men that we are with you and not with our adversaries.

Many forces in the world are lined up against us as Jews, and against us as believers in Democracy. We must be determined to keep alive the spirit of good-will, of harmony, of mutual understanding. We must carry our spirit into a program of action. Act to preserve civil rights and liberties! Act to help the persecuted and the distressed! Act to help fellow-sufferers throughout the world! Act to unify our forces! BUT ABOVE ALL WE MUST ACT! Let us prove by deed as Jews, that we are not with our adversaries! Let us be the torch-bearers of unity, brotherhood, and world peace!

JEWISH ARBOR DAY

On Thursday, January 17th, we shall celebrate Chamisho Osor B'Shvat, the Jewish Arbor Day. In Palestine the Jewish children will go out and plant their little trees. In the Diaspora we celebrate by eating of the fruits of Palestine and pronouncing the blessing "She-heceyenu" for the fruits not as yet eaten during the year. The Talmud refers to this day as the New Year of the trees.

Although for us in the Diaspora it is winter, all trees are yet bare, without leaves or fruits; the ground is covered with snow, like the white sheet of death, presenting a picture of desolation and cessation of efforts, we Jews feel spring, the glorious summer sun in Palestine. In the inner secret recesses of our nature, under the cover of snow and ice, there are forces at work in restless intensity. There the flower lies with the hope to bud forth and fill the air with her fragrance.

IN AID OF OUR STARVING BRETHREN

We are very glad to report that to date we have collected more than Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars and a great deal of wearing apparel as well as Kosher canned goods for the needy Jews in Europe. The following have made additional contributions: Julius Bayer, H & G Galinsky, Max Gredinger, Louis Dreifus, Mrs. Ruth Kessler Toch, Mrs. Kalman Kinzler, in memory of Ethel Klein, Miss Regina Klein, Harry Mirken in honor of his daughter Marilyn's marriage, Max Moskowitz, G. Richard Rubenstein and Louis J. Weinstein.

It is to be hoped that all those who have not yet contributed to this worthy cause will do so without delay. Please make your checks payable to Food for Jewish Children, Inc.

ENGLAND—Randolph Churchill, son of Winston Churchill, in a letter to the *Spectator*, declared himself, though not a Jew, to be a "British Zionist" and a "supporter of the Balfour Declaration." . . . For the first time in the Channel Islands' history, a Jew, Wilfred Kricheski, 29, of the Isle of Jersey, was elected to the "States of Jersey" legislative assembly.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Boh

Friday Lighting Candles	4:31
Friday Mincha	4:35
Saturday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Mesibas Shabbos	2:30
Oneg Shabbos	3:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	3:35
Rabbi Singer's Class	3:35
Mincha	4:35
Sabbath Terminates	5:22
Sunday Morning	6:45, 8:45

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings	6:45, 8:00
Mincha	4:40

Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be held this Shabbos with Leisha Langer as Reader of the Torah, Herbert Perlman, Reader of the Service, and Joe Tilem, Speaker.



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

A very good friend of our institution said to me:

"I attend services regularly in your Synagogue, and I notice particularly that the distribution of the honors on the Sabbath seems to be on a haphazard basis, and that there is no systematic or equitable method behind it. I may be wrong, but that is the impression I get. I know that our Gabbai Mr. Aaron Wartels and his assistant Mr. Harold Kaplan are doing their best to do a good job. They are earnestly trying to promote good will by pleasing as many of our worshippers as possible. However, I know that a number of regular attendants are not called to the Torah for an unusually long time. Others are called to the Torah more frequently than seems necessary."

What do you think of the above comment? What can you suggest as a corrective, if in your opinion our friend's conclusions are justified?

You, our readers, can render a real service if you will let us have your practical and constructive suggestions on that subject. Won't you make the effort?

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