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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Long-Short Way

"AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN PHARAOH HAD LET THE PEOPLE GO, THAT G-D LED THEM NOT THROUGH THE WAY OF THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES FOR IT WAS NEAR." In Genesis, Chapter 10, verses 13 we read, "And מִצְרַיִם

begat . . . Colushim, out of whom came פְּלִשְׁתִּים." Philistines were blood relatives of the Egyptians. The nearness referred to in Exodus, Chap. 13, verse 16, is that of a blood relationship between the Philistines and the Egyptians, and it is possible that G-d purposely kept the Israelites away from the land of the Philistines when he took them out of Egypt, because he wanted to save them from the vengeance which the Philistines, as loyal relatives of the Egyptians, might have been tempted to wreak upon the Israelites.

There are differences of opinion as to what "it was near" refers to. Some say it refers to the road, and others say that it refers to time. The children of Ephraim became impatient, and did not wait for the deliverance by the hand of Moses. Thirty years before the Exodus, they marched ahead, and met a crushing defeat at the hands of the Philistines. The rest of the people never got over this terrible catastrophe, and therefore had to be led through some road other than the one which their impatient predecessors had taken. There are some again, who say that the road was too near. The time it would take to cover the distance from Egypt to Palestine, going by way of the land of the Philistines, would be so short, that there would not be time enough for the children of Israel to assimilate the Torah. The deep study of the Torah must be undertaken by a mind free of worry. Therefore G-d led them through the wilderness, where they were sustained by the daily downpour of the manna. Being free from material concerns, they were able to give themselves up wholly to the study of Torah.

OUR CONCERT

Our appreciation to our Director Julius Bayer who sold tickets in the excess of \$4,000 and thus is leading



Julius Bayer

the line of our many friends who helped make this undertaking a success.

Under the able chairmanship of our Director Joseph Settel, a very fine program has been arranged. We hope that all who have secured tickets will be with us on January 27th at the Metropolitan Opera House and spend an enjoyable evening.

TALMUD TORAH

The Spring Terms of our Hebrew School is beginning this week and new students will be accepted. We have a special beginners class for children from the ages of 9 to 11.

If your child is not attending a Hebrew School, it is your duty to register him now. No age is too young. If your child is four years old, we will accept him in our Kindergarten. If he is past his Bar-Mitzvah age, he will find his place in our High School Department.

It is also your duty to urge your neighbors and friends to send their children to our Hebrew School where they will receive a thorough education under experienced teachers using modern pedagogic methods in a pleasant atmosphere.

MENS CLUB

A meeting of the Men's Club will be held Thursday night, January 24th. A special feature of this meeting will be a movie and discussion on the FEPC which has been arranged by Leo Mintz chairman of the committee in charge.

All members are requested to attend and urged to bring along their friends. Refreshments will be served.

CUB PACK NO. 530

Mr. Morton B. Cohen, Cubmaster announces that the monthly Cub Pack meeting will take place in our building this Wednesday evening, Jan. 23, 1946, at 7:30.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

A regular meeting of the Women's League will be held this Monday afternoon, January 21st at 2:00 P. M. A social hour will follow with Mrs. Samuel Fasten as Hostess in absentia. All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

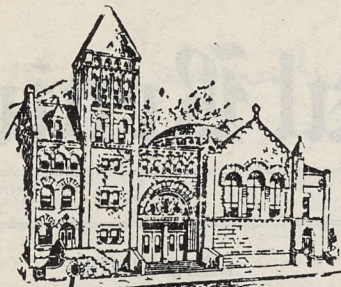
LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our new semester of the Institute has already begun with the resumption of the following classes: Hebrew (Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced), Talmud, Yiddish, Chumash and Rashi, Movements and Trends in Jewish History, Books that have made Judaism, Jewish Cooking and "What Is (Orthodox) Judaism."

Please consult Rabbi Philip Harris Singer, Registrar for registration and information.

VICTORY CLOTHING COLLECTION

We have been requested by Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Chairman of Greater New York Committee to participate in the Victory Clothing Collection which will end on January 31st. Our Synagogue will accept articles of clothing, shoes and bedding in usable condition for the war sufferers throughout the world.



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THANK YOU, SIR

Gen. Frederick Morgan has as yet not resigned from his position with the UNNRA. Max Lerner of PM has voiced the hope that the British Government would recall Morgan back to England but it seems that Lerner has hoped in vain.

Last year the British Government sent a representative to Italy whose mission it was to discourage the Jews from applying for entry into Palestine. Gen. Morgan is now reporting that the mission was successful and now the Jews of Europe no longer wish to go to Palestine. It is only that the Zionists are conspiring and urging them to arm themselves and go up to Palestine. Morgan's statement is only a complement to Bevin's statement that the Jews are "pushing ahead."

Sir Morgan, you have done some fine timing in issuing your statement while the Anglo-American Commission is meeting.

We shall not be surprised that some day Gen. Morgan will be rewarded by the British Colonial Office for his fine piece of work.

P. H. S.



239TH COMMANDMENT Thou Shalt Surely Rebuke Thy Neighbor

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By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

To rebuke an Israelite who does not conduct himself in the proper way, whether it be in matters concerning man to G-d, is the duty incumbent upon all of us as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 17, "Thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbor and not bear sin because of him." The Sifrah raises the question that if one rebuked his fellow-man four or five times and he did not change or repent, is he to continue to rebuke him? The answer is that the Bible not only says rebuke once but repeats it in order that we may do so many times until we succeed.

Thinking Out Loud

It's odd that some of those who always gripe about the condition of anti-Semitism, are loyal followers of the psychologically discredited doctrine of racial prejudice.

We Jews, who should be the champions of humanity and tolerance ought to think of the facts. No Negro may live out of his ghetto. He may not live, for example, in our west side area. Building managers say it will "reduce property values" because white people won't like it. Those Jews who support this injustice and barbarism are too dishonest to admit it. The truth is that some Jews do not like Negroes.

If you can stand the shock, look at some of the leases in Scarsdale or Long Island. The wording will jolt you out of your comfortable lethargy. You, a Jew, are excluded from the areas along with other "undesirables," like Negroes.

Let's realize that all humanity is

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This of course must be done at first privately and gently in order that the offender should not be put to blush. This commandment is extremely difficult to carry out properly. It is almost as difficult to administer reproof as it is to receive reproof. Reproof must, of course be offered in all kindness, otherwise it fails of its purpose; and, if it entails putting a man to shame in public, it is mortal sin. No matter how much learning and good works the man who commits such a sin may possess, he has no share in the world to come. This is true in regard to matters between man and man. However, when one violates a commandment between man and G-d, then the Bible says "there is neither wisdom nor understanding before the L-d." Our Rabbis add and say where "Chillul Hashem,"—profanation of the name of the L-d—is involved, we are not even obliged to show honor to the Rabbi.

Some interpret this verse and the first part of the next verse, "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people," to imply that one should not fail to point out even to one's enemy an idea which may benefit him. In this way he may be elevated and become his equal.

in the same kettle. It took a tiny atom to prove it. If we Jews can learn from our melancholy history, we can help bring tottering mankind to its senses.

G-d never chose cowards and fools as his own. He made us all at the same time, and Adam has never been proven to have owned a whiter skin than others. Each individual is a minority; we all need peace and the right to live. Let's examine ourselves and our prejudices critically.

Let us recognize all men as our brothers before it is too late to prevent our children from doing likewise.

613 CLUB TO HOLD ELECTIONS

The annual election of officers for the 613 Club will be held at the Synagogue on Sunday evening, Jan. 20th at 8:30 P. M. A gala mid-season social has been planned to follow the elections.

All members of the 613 Club are urged to attend.

FOOD FOR JEWISH CHILDREN OF EUROPE

The following are the additional contributors to our Food for Jewish Children Campaign: Maurice L. Barnett, Joseph Buchsbaum, David Cohen, Alexander Golden, Sam Lieberman, Jacob Portny, Joshua Rabinowitz, Benedict Silberman, Jacob H. Silverstein, Julia Stitch, Dr. Charles A. Turtz.

If you have not sent in your contribution to help save our Jewish brethren in Europe from starvation, please do not delay. Make checks payable to Food for Jewish Children of Europe, Inc. and mail to the Synagogue.

THE VETERAN'S STAKE IN THE POST-WAR COMMUNITY CENTER

We have heard much about the important role that civilians can and should play in helping returning veterans readjust themselves to a normally smooth and satisfying routine as members of their immediate families and as functioning cogs in the economic machine of their communities.

There are some highly important services which the community center can render to further this process of re-adaptation. These may well help to fill in a social void which the returning veteran may experience and can also be utilized to instill a firm conviction in the Jewish ex-serviceman or woman that the objectives for which he was told he was fighting this war can be attained.

The community center, by offering full-going club and meeting activities to the returning veteran can provide an atmosphere of social warmth for him that will enable him to pick up the threads of friendships that were rudely snapped and help give him a feeling of "belonging." Periods of leisure that otherwise might deteriorate into sessions of brooding, boredom, and ennui are diverted into worthwhile channels. A vigorous program of cultural activities would awaken an awareness of current Jewish problems and of steps that could be taken to assure their solution. Such a program could foster an attitude of alertness to the danger of propaganda that is di-

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Bishalach
Shabbas Sheerah

Friday Lighting Candles	4:38
Friday Mincha	4:45
Saturday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Mesibas Shabbos	2:30
Oneg Shabbos	3:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	3:45
Rabbi Singer's Class	3:45
Mincha	4:45
Sabbath Terminates	5:29

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings	6:45, 8:00
Mincha	4:50

Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch conducted by Rabbi Goldstein.

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth afternoon services will be held this Shabbos with Alan Mirken, Reader of the Torah, Jason Jacobowitz, Reader of the Service and Morton S. Cohen, Speaker.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sympathies to our friend and contributor Nathan Schweitzer upon the loss of his sister,
ANNIE WEINTRAUB,
and to the family of
LEO ELIACHEFF.

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rected against minority groups and could result in the initiation of effective steps that would throttle such trends in their incipency. —S.I.J.

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow

On occasion, when discussing the advisability of acquiring a plot in our Memorial Park, I am confronted with this excuse.

"After I am called to the Great Beyond, what possible difference will the location of my earthly remains make to my family?"

Upon reflection we will all agree that such an argument, in spite of its high-sounding phrases, is unsound and illogical. Our natural feeling of affection for the departed, the sweet memories we hold dear, finds expression in the visits we pay to their final resting place. Particularly is this true when several of our near and dear relatives are in one location.

This institution, through the ownership of a Memorial Park, offers you the priceless opportunity of making provision for the future, so that all your family may be reunited after the inevitable summons removes them from this earth.

You, our readers, who will give thought to this matter, will realize the necessity of making suitable arrangements without delay, and will communicate at once with Mr. Joseph Buchsbaum Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, in care of our office.

Getting Personal

If you want a sample of our Yiddish class tune in to a Yiddish message which Rabbi Singer will deliver on Tuesday, January 22nd at 3:30 P. M. on Station WEVD . . . Wedding anniversary congratulations to our first Vice-President and Mrs. Aaron Wartels. To Pop and his wonderful Bessie our wishes for many many years and may you celebrate your Diamond anniversary . . . Also to our Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Kurtz, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Golden, and Mr. and Mrs. Irving W. Karpf . . . Happy Birthday to Henry L. Kessler, Joe Newman, Tillie Lewton, Douglas Weil, grandson of Dick and Jane Rubenstein . . . Bon Voyage to our delegation to the Sunny South, headed by our Directors Harry Appel, Julius Bayer, Morris Levine and G. Richard Rubenstein and our members Herman Herring and M. Weitzman . . . Welcome to our new members, Mrs. Rachel Barowsky, Max Dabek, Joseph Greenberg, Paul J. Gross (father-in-law of our Director Moe Oltarsh, President of the Men's Club), William Haber, Benjamin J. Mendelsohn, Isaac Perlman and David Smarr . . . Thanks to our Director S. Bendheim for his donation of prayer books in loving memory of Buddy Friedman and to Mrs. Herman Levine for her donation of prayer books in loving memory of her father Frank Kostant . . . Welcome home to Mrs. Annie Eisenberg who is out of the hospital and convalescing at home after an accident . . . We pray for a speedy recovery for Philip Cohen . . . Last Shabbos we had with us Major (Chaplain) Norman Siegel who has done a magnificent job for our boys in the Pacific area. He has now accepted a position and is Rabbi of the largest Congregation in New Orleans . . . Congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Harry Appel upon their becoming grandparents for the second time, by the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Snower of Chicago . . . Our best wishes to Max Wolf, who is returning to Holland . . . Thanks to the Women's League for their treat to the children of the Talmud Torah in celebration of Chamisho Osor Bishvat, and especially to Miss Bessie Abrams and Mrs. Annie R. Morris, who prepared the gift packages.

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