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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Jethro — יתרו
Hearing—Seeing

"WHEN JETHRO . . . HEARD." The Rabbis say that the most potent factor which induced him to come to the wilderness to Israel was the report of the dividing of the Red Sea and the subsequent attack by Amalek. Previously he thought that even though he stayed at home he could get reports of Israel's miraculous leading, thereby becoming more and more imbued with a belief in the One G-d of Israel. However, when he heard of Amalek's attack and the attendant rebellion of Israel, he decided that he had better go and see the true situation himself because the facts might easily be perverted. Though emanating from true premises, people might draw false conclusions.

Father-In-Law, Son-In-Law

"AND JETHRO, THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF MOSES." The Rabbis remark that although Jethro was a chieftain and a priest of Midian, Moses became so famous that he even outshone his illustrious father-in-law, who is here referred to as "the father-in-law of Moses."

Jethro

"AND JETHRO," ETC., "CAME," ETC., "INTO THE WILDERNESS." This gives us an idea of the ardor of Jethro for learning Divine truths. He left his well established and comfortable home and came to the wilderness in order that he might be in the vicinity of Moses and of Israel.

Father-In-Law

"AND MOSES WENT OUT TO MEET HIS FATHER-IN-LAW," ETC. The Bible emphasizes the fact that Moses wanted to honor his father-in-law hence the verse specifically reads "and Moses went out to meet his father-in-law." This is calculated to impress upon us the lesson that one is bound to honor one's father-in-law well as one's own father.

ALBERT DEUTSCH OF PM TO SPEAK THIS MONDAY NIGHT, JAN. 28TH AT 8:40

Topic: "THE CASE FOR SOCIALIZED MEDICINE"

OUR CONCERT THIS SUNDAY EVE

Due to unavoidable circumstances a few changes have been made in the program of our Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House, this Sunday, January 27th, 1946. Raoul Jobin will be replaced by Robert Merrill who will sing an aria from La Traviata, Salvatore Baccaloni will be replaced by Virgilio Lazzari and Pietro Cimara will conduct. We are looking forward to have you spend an enjoyable musical evening at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Concert Committee, wishes to thank each and every one of our friends each and everyone of our friends the success of this undertaking.



Albert Deutsch

Rabbi Goldstein's session this Monday evening on "What is (Orthodox) Judaism?" will be followed by an address on "The Case for Socialized Medicine" by Albert Deutsch, the guest speaker.

Albert Deutsch has achieved fame in his fight to eliminate the defects in the Veterans' administration and has made his mark as Research Associate of the New York State Department of Social Welfare. He had a two-year fellowship with the American Foundation for Mental Hygiene. He was then invited by PM to join its staff and bring his thorough knowledge in the fields of health and social research to the attention of the public at large.

In his talk Mr. Deutsch will discuss:—"Are we a healthy nation? How medical science has advanced far ahead of medical economy: Can we pay for medical care we need? The case for the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill and the national health program.

Mr. Deutsch's popularity and the timeliness of the subject will surely bring a large audience. We therefore advise you to come early and secure a seat.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST NO. 297

At the next Post meeting which will be held this Wednesday, January 30th the following new officers will be installed with impressive ceremonies:

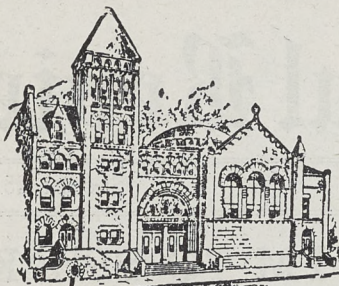
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At this meeting the first installment of \$250 toward the \$2500 Yeshiva University Scholarship Fund which the Post has donated in memory of Buddy Friedman will be presented to Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, National Chairman of the Yeshiva College Women's Organization. All members of the Post and their friends are requested to attend.

SPRING TERM IN OUR TALMUD TORAH

We urge all parents whose children do not attend Hebrew School to enroll them for the new term in our Talmud Torah.

You owe your children a duty to provide them with a Jewish education. Now is the time to start. We have a special beginners' class, a kindergarten and a high school.



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Rabbi Mordecai Schuchatowitz

We were shocked to learn of the passing of Rabbi Mordecai Schuchatowitz, one of the contributors to the Loyalty Viewpoint. He was a product both of a European upbringing and an American education. He came to this country as a young man and immediately entered Yeshivah Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. In a very short time he learned the English language and became thoroughly immersed in the American spirit. As a colleague, and teacher, I can say that he soon became a master in Homiletics.

Mordecai Schuchatowitz was not a rubber stamp. He was an independent thinker. He was true to his name. The closing words of the Book of Esther, say that Mordecai was **רָצוּן** "pleasing" to most of the people. Whereupon the Talmud adds the following comment "Mordecai pleased most, but not all the people."

The Rabbi or the leader must please his conscience, then in the long run, he will please most of the people. Among the younger rabbis, he was a model, and among the older rabbis he was a true disciple. May his memory be a blessing.



239TH COMMANDMENT Thou Shalt Surely Rebuke Thy Neighbor

II

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The purpose of this commandment is to increase peace and good-will among men. For, if one sins against another and he is reproofed privately and gently, he is liable to excuse himself and repent. In this way peace is enhanced and hatred is removed. If one does not rebuke his neighbor the hatred remains in his heart, and does harm as it is pointed out in regard to Absalom and his brother Amnon. If Absalom would have spoken to Amnon, Amnon may have gone through penitence and repented and his life thereby would have been saved. Truth, in the long run, leads to

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peace, even though it implies criticism. Through this criticism peace is attained as we read in the Book of Proverbs concerning the Torah, "And her ways are ways of pleasantness and her paths are paths of peace." One should try to reprove another person even though he comes near to be hurt himself, unless he sees that the person is so wicked that he will not take any reproof. On the contrary, if he will be hurt, he is not obliged to continue his reproofing. Concerning this, our Sages have said just as it is our bounden duty to say something which we know others will hearken to, so, we are to be silent when we know that our reproof will not be heeded. However, no one should be faint-hearted in regard to carrying out this commandment for "The Holy One Blessed Be He guards all them that love Him and the wicked will He destroy," Psalm 145, Verse 20. If one causes the sinner to repent from his sinful way there is no greater reward that can be given to such a person. Even a minor is obliged to reprove an older person if he sees him going in a path that is not correct. One who does not reprove his neighbor, breaks a positive commandment and he is regarded as being in the camp of the wicked for failing to correct his neighbor, for in the end he himself becomes wicked.

Thinking Out Loud

Out of last Monday night's panel discussion, "Youth Looks to the Synagogue," came some important suggestions concerning the role of the Synagogue today in community life.

Many people seek to use their leisure time constructively and pleasantly and the Synagogue building can offer its facilities as a kind of community center, inviting members to participate in discussion groups on all kinds of subject. It results in a wider and stimulating experience for all participants and provides opportunities for the exchange and sharing of a variety of opinions. Such informal meeting of the minds is a direct route to better inter-faith and inter-cultural feeling and increases the mutual understanding and respect of the different groups.

The Synagogue can perform another important social function in the

area of social action and make into a reality all our talk of a better and more stable world. Instead of hopeless despair and idle talk, the members and groups of the Synagogue, by making themselves aware of the needs and problems of their community, can use their energies constructively, as a body and in cooperative effort with other groups in the community, to voice their opinions, to promote measures which will be helpful to the community as a whole, such as better housing programs, improvement of schools, establishment of day nurseries, etc. Activities of a similar nature on international problems are of the utmost importance in assuring a world which will be secure for all.

Activities such as these are both satisfying to the individual participating and constructive for the community as a whole. The needs are present. The Synagogue has a role in meeting these needs in the various aspects of our lives.

E. G.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR STARVING BRETHREN IN EUROPE

We received from our kind-hearted friends, Samuel Cohen, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg, Mrs. M.H. Engel, Myron Friedlander, Miss Anna Goldberg, Josephine S. Gottlieb, Morris Katz, Estelle D. Landsberger, Dave Meites and Mrs. Ceil Seligman additional contributions for the purchase of Kosher food as well as wearing apparel to be shipped to Europe.

There is still time to join the humane procession. Make check payable to "FOOD FOR JEWISH CHILDREN OF EUROPE, INC.", and mail it to the Synagogue.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

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Portion of the Week—Jethro
Prayer for New Month—Adar 1
Rosh Chodesh Friday and Saturday
Light Candles Friday 4:55
Friday Mincha 5:00
Saturday Morning 9:00
Jr. Congregation 10:00
Mesibas Shabbos 2:30
Oneg Shabbos 3:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class 4:00
Rabbi Singer's Class 4:00
Mincha 5:00
Sabbath Terminates 5:46
Sunday Morning 6:45 and 8:45
DAILY SERVICES
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Friday Morning 6:30, 7:50, 8:30
Mincha 5:00

Followed by Class in Shulchan
Aruch with Rabbi Goldstein.

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth afternoon services will be held this Shabbos with Charles G. Kadushin as Reader of the Torah, Jack Verschleiser as Reader of the Service and Leonard Fink as Speaker.

CONDOLENCE

Our sincere sympathies are extended to the family of
ROBERT BLOOMGARDEN
upon their recent loss.

COMING EVENTS

At the recent meeting of the Men's Club, a motion was adopted that a Purim Party of the Men's Club and the Women's League be held jointly. A Committee consisting of Herman W. Hirsch, Charles Cohen, Harry Cohen and Mortimer H. Epstein, was appointed to confer with the Women's League and invite their cooperation.

As soon as plans are completed for this Purim Party announcement of the time and place will be made here.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Our Institution is indeed fortunate in having our Women's League take an active and sympathetic interest in all our activities and for rendering whole-hearted cooperation whenever called upon.

Each year the Women's League has provided the children of our Talmud Torah with goodies and gifts appropriate to the various holidays.

They provide the children attending our Talmud Torah on Chamisho Osor B'Shvat, the Jewish Arbor Day, a bag of goodies typifying this holiday. Before Chanukah, each child received a Menorah and candles. On Simchas Torah, each child receives a flag and a bag of candy. Before the beginning of Passover, they provide everything necessary to hold a Seder in our school. On Shevuoth they provide artistic floral decorations for our main Synagogue. During the week of Succoth they decorate the Succah, and are the hosts to the entire Congregation for Kiddush, providing all the wine and cake used in the Succah during that week.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wohl upon the birth of their second son, Jonathan Dorsey; to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wohl, as well as to the great grandmother, Mrs. Regina Margareten . . . We were very glad to welcome in Schull last Saturday, Mrs. Samuel Fasten of Rochester, who is in New York on official business of Mizrahi. We are indebted to her for her donation of prayer books . . . Mrs. M. H. Engel, residing in California and a reader of our Review, was moved to send a contribution for the Jews in Europe after reading the Cablegram addressed to Rabbi Goldstein which was printed in this paper a few weeks ago . . . We pray for the speedy recovery of Mrs. D. Kamenman who is ill in a hospital . . . We were indeed privileged to have with us Chaplain Golovensky last Saturday. He delivered a fine sermon, pinch-hitting for Rabbi Singer, temporarily indisposed with a cold . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mirken, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spanbock . . . Our best wishes to Mrs. Jacob Kaplan upon her birthday . . . Also to Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein . . . Among those who left for the southland are Dr. Nathan Settel, Leon Herman and Mrs. L. Jacobowitz. Happy vacation . . . We join our Director and Mrs. Isaac Goldman in celebrating the return of their son Morris from China, where he was stationed . . . Congratulations to Jack Verschleiser upon his election to the presidency of the General Organization of the Talmudical Academy . . . We were glad to have a visit from Steve Hirschhorn, who is vacationing from Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga. He was a pupil in our Talmud Torah, and had his Bar Mitzvah in our Synagogue . . . Birthday greetings to Linda Beth, whose parents are Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Blankfort, whose grandparents are our Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort and our Vice-President and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, and whose great-grandparents are Mr. I. H. Blankfort and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Holoschutz. An impressive family tree . . . Roy is celebrating the completion of eight years of service with the Synagogue. May he continue for many more years of faithful work.

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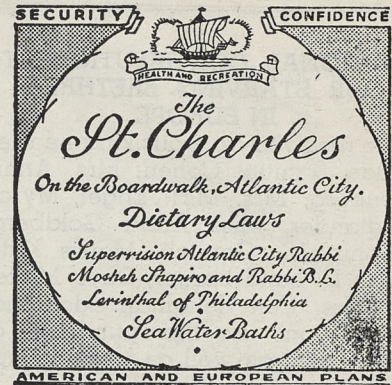
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