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SEDRAH OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Mishpotim—משפטים

Revelation

1. "AND THESE ARE THE JUDGMENTS WHICH THOU SHALT SET BEFORE THEM." The phrase "And these" indicates, according to the Rabbis in the Mechilta, that not only the Ten Commandments but all the laws which we shall find in this and the following chapters, even those dealing with monetary and other mundane subjects, were also promulgated at Sinai.

Servitude—Imprisonment

2. "IF THOU BUY A HEBREW SERVANT SIX YEARS HE SHALL SERVE; AND IN THE SEVENTH HE SHALL GO OUT FREE FOR NOTHING." A Hebrew was sold into slavery because he stole somebody's property and was unable to pay the double of its value as the law required. After serving six years he automatically became free and required no permission or authorization from his master to leave him.

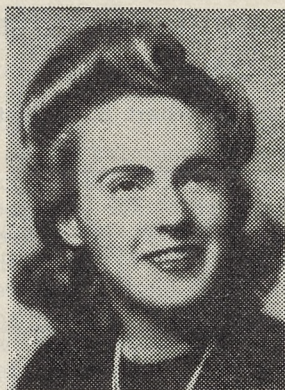
3. "IF HE WERE MARRIED, THEN HIS WIFE SHALL GO OUT WITH HIM." Here the Rabbis remark that if a married man became enslaved, his master was not permitted to separate the family. The wife and children were to live and be maintained in the master's house, together with the servant, but the wife and children did not have to work for the master.

Slavery

4. "THEN HIS MASTER SHALL BRING HIM FOR EVER." His ear is to be bored, say the Rabbis, as a punishment for not hearkening to the injunction pronounced at Sinai, "Thou shalt not steal," and also for disregarding the declaration, "For, to Me are the children of Israel servants." Twice did he disobey and act contrary to the Divine wish, for he stole and cherished slavery. The six years of service imposed upon him are ultimately proven to be to him a privilege rather than a penalty, therefore the sentence in the concluding clause of our verse, "And he shall serve him forever," is imposed upon him to make him feel the penalty.

DR. EVERETT R. CLINCHY, WORLD RENOWNED LEADER TO SPEAK MONDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 4TH AT 8:40.

Topic: "THE CONDITIONS FOR SURVIVAL."



Barbara Mae Sanders

Our Vice-President and Mrs. Max E. Sanders have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Mae, to Captain Alexander L. Haft, Inf. A., U. S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Haft of Brooklyn.

Barbara was graduated from the Fieldston School and Barnard College, 1945, and is presently with the Foster Home Bureau.

Captain Haft recently returned from the European Theatre of operations and has been awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge and three battle stars.

Our sincerest wishes go to the young couple and their parents.



Dr. Everett R. Clinchy

Rabbi Goldstein's Monday evening discussion on "What is (Orthodox Judaism?)" will this week be followed by an outstanding spokesman for the cause of religious tolerance and cooperation. Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, President of the National Council of Christians and Jews will speak on "The Conditions for Survival." Dr. Clinchy is a Presbyterian Minister and served as a Minister of the College Church at Wesleyan University. He has received many honors from both Jews and Christians for the excellent work he has done to promote better racial understanding. We are sure that Dr. Clinchy will have an interesting message to convey and it is the duty of every one of our readers to be present at this Forum.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

The new term of the Talmud Torah has already begun, therefore if your child is not attending our Hebrew School do not delay to register him. Enroll your children now so that they will not miss any work and will receive the benefit of a full term.

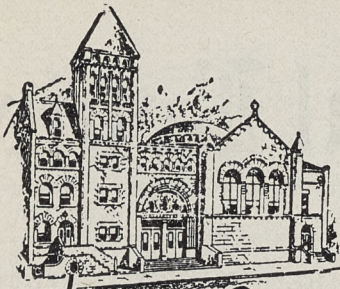
The following are the students who upon promotion received a certificate of honor: Ruth Amster, Emanuel Akselrod, Jay Ball, Donald Bergman, Abraham Coifman, Lester Hyman, Samuel Hart, Ann Hirsch, Jay Jacobson, Allen Knee, Marilyn Kaftal, George Levinson, Henry Maringer, Joseph Moses, Joseph Padower, Roberta Rappaport, Sandra Redisch, Gerry Spanier, Ruth Ukeles, Bruno Wassertheil and Murray Yavneh.

YOUR TESTAMENT

Every thinking person should put his house in order by making and executing a Last Will and Testament so that his wishes may be followed.

Should you wish to make some provision for our Institution in your will, it is important that you insert a clause reading as follows:

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a Jewish religious corporation of 120-138 West 76th Street, New York City, the sum of \$....."



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CIVILIZATION AND RELIGION

We are in favor of a New York State University, not as an offset to racial or religious discrimination, but because the great Empire State of New York lags behind in providing State educational facilities for higher learning and professional schools.

It has become fully established that Universities of higher learning have racial and religious quotas. Such Universities are neither genuinely American nor truly Christian. It is conceivable then that Jesus, the Jew, Chief Justice White, the Catholic and Booker T. Washington, the Negro, could all be denied the privilege of an education in our universities. Our civilization is swiftly becoming bankrupt because it is bereft of the religious spirit.

The message of love is absent in educational circles. Where should we expect broadmindedness to hail from, if not from those in charge of the highest institutions of learning? Instead we find discrimination and prejudice rampant everywhere among those in charge of our Universities.

We pray that America will awake to the serious threat to Democracy emanating from our supervision and system of education.



240TH COMMANDMENT YOU SHOULD NOT PUT TO SHAME AN ISRAELITE

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to be most scrupulous and not put anyone to shame publicly. For we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, verse 17, "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart; thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbor, and not bear sin because of him." In other words, whilst we are commanded to rebuke one, we must make sure that in our rebuke we do not bear sin in re-proving him in such a way so as to insult and shame him publicly. Someone has well said that shame is Gehenim pain, and honor or glory is Gan Eden pleasure. Although the Bible repeats the word "reprove" making it evident that we shall

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surely rebuke our neighbor when he does wrong, it immediately adds the words that we "should not sin because of him," in our way of rebuking him.

The Rabbis exhort us to be extremely careful. They say "it is better for one to throw himself into a furnace of fire rather than to cause his neighbor to be put to blush publicly." This is best illustrated in the case of Tamar. Tamar did not want to cause Judah to be put to shame publicly for she had conceived through him. If the pledge which was given to her had not been found she would have been put to death by fire. Nevertheless she did not want to say that Judah was responsible for the act but "the one whose pledge this is." The temptation to violate this commandment whilst carrying it out is so great, that the Bible tells us on the one hand, "thou shalt surely reprove him," and on the other hand be careful not to sin, in the way you reprove him.

Of course all this refers to any sin committed between man and man because the person aggrieved may not publicly shame the one who hurts him. But when one sins between man and G-d then, we may publicly reprove him until he repents. This was the way of the Prophets.

Thinking Out Loud

LEST WE FORGET . . .

By Mildred Schwartz

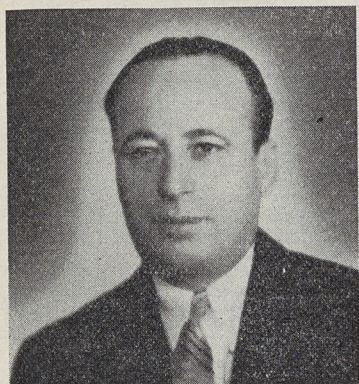
As we emerge from a war-darkened period into a headlong flight toward the rosy promise of peacetime living, it would be well to pause a moment for reflection, lest we forget . . . Lest we forget the thousands of young men who lie in American military cemeteries scattered across the globe; lest we forget their buddies who have returned from the wars broken in body and mind, and all of the young people of the other United Nations who paid an equally great price for this gift of peace. In view of the enormous cost in young blood, as well as the toll in money, and human toil and grief, this is not a gift to be regarded lightly. It is a gift to which

the price tag must ever remain affixed as a constant reminder that our appreciation of its value must never wane.

Let us, in our pause for reflection try to recall some of the ideals that gave us courage to fight so hard and so long. Beyond the immediate exigency that drove us to war—the attack on Pearl Harbor—there were other drives motivating our sacrifice. Could we have stood by forever, watching the little peoples of the world be ground under the heels of the self-styled "big ones?" Could we have continued to watch, unprotesting, as a whole race of people was singled out for slaughter because they chose to worship God according to the laws of Moses? How long could our way of life which followed the maxim live and let live have continued to function smoothly, when across the world similar philosophies were being systematically broken down and ground into oblivion?

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RE-ELECED



Lester Udell

At the last meeting of our Board of Directors all of the present officers of the Synagogue were unanimously re-elected.

We extend to them our congratulations and we hope and pray that they may continue to render outstanding service to our Institution.

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And so, when at last we did take up arms, we rallied to the cause of Tolerance, as well as to our self-defense. We sent our armies to all parts of the world to join forces with our Allies. We sent Jews, Catholics, and Protestants, Negroes, Whites, and Orientals. Today, in U. S. Government military cemeteries, hundreds of thousands of these young men lie side by side, as they fell in battle, under neat white markers that are not segregated according to religion or race. They were all Americans. They fought together, not each for his own kind, but for American ideals.

Now, and in the future, when we find ourselves slipping back into old, thoughtless ways of petty discrimination and bigotry, let us not forget this.

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Light Candles Friday 4:55
Shabbos Rosh Chodesh
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 5:45
Sunday Morning 6:45 and 8:45
DAILY SERVICES
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 5:00
Followed by Class in Shulchan
Aruch with Rabbi Goldstein.

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be held this Shabbos with Kurt Stern as Reader of the Torah, Harvey Shapiro Reader of Service and Robert Hausman as Speaker.

CONDOLENCE

Our sincerest expressions of condolence to Miss Fay Mendelson and Miss Betty Mendelson upon the loss of their brother MAX MENDELSON.

May the Almighty comfort you amongst all mourners of Zion.

A NEW GROUP

Mr. Joseph Salzman, our Social Director, informs us that he has several requests from young men and young women to form a new group of young adults ranging in age from 25 years up.

Anyone interested to join such group will please communicate with Mr. Salzman, care of the Synagogue.

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The following are the additional contributors to our Food For Jewish Children Campaign:

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If you have as yet not contributed toward this noble cause, you may still do by sending in a check to the Synagogue made to the order of Food For Jewish Children of Europe, Inc.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Our Club Department, headed by Mr. Joseph Saltzman, is doing everything possible to have it become a real force in the community. Many clubs, literary, educational, social and cultural are functioning effectively.

However, we have room for additional groups, particularly from the ages of 25 years and upwards. A number of inquiries received recently indicate a real need for this kind of a group composed of young men and young women.

You, our readers, can help us in this respect by getting all the young people of your acquaintance, interested in joining a club, to communicate with our Director of Club Activities and register their names with him.

We have Junior, Intermediate and Senior Clubs. We are anxious to have the facilities of this building used to full capacity for the benefit of young people, but we cannot accomplish that purpose without the earnest cooperation of all our friends. If you broadcast this information among those interested, you will not only help them, but you will also aid us to achieve our aim and enable us to render better service to the community.

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Getting Personal

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