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Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Terumah— תרומה
Sanctuary

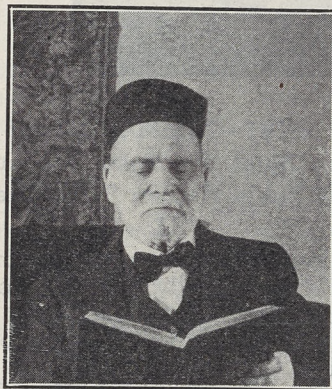
This chapter, calling for the building of the sanctuary was addressed to Moses on the Day of Atonement after G-d had already forgiven Israel for having made the golden calf. Originally there was not to be an especially reserved place for divine worship, as we read in Chapter 20, verse 224, "In all places where I allow my name to be mentioned, I will come unto thee and bless thee." But after the Israelites made the golden calf, thereby demonstrating the human need for something tangible, G-d made a concession to their weakness and commanded that an imposing Tabernacle be built and that vessels and ceremonials be used as visible and concrete means by which to bring out the spiritual in us.

Charity

2. THAT THEY BRING ME AN OFFERING." The Hebrew original ויקחו לי means "Let them take to me." The Rabbis declare that this way of phrasing the thought indicates a great truth in connection with the giving of charity. While he who dispenses charity seems to be giving, he is in reality, taking. For the great satisfaction of mind which follows the doing of good and the Divine blessings which attend one who gives charity make of the benefactor a beneficiary. Furthermore, when one contributes toward the upkeep of the needy, or for the furtherance of Jewish religious education, he takes out an insurance policy, the dividends of which are paid in terms of social peace, public morality and Jewish safety.

Giving

"OF EVERY MAN THAT GIVETH IT WILLINGLY WITH HIS HEART YOU SHALL TAKE MY OFFERING." All that was needed for the building of the Sanctuary was to be provided for by popular and voluntary gifts so that the sanctuary would enjoy the affection of the people. This feeling would have been absent if its materials were accumulated by compulsory methods or taken from a few very rich people.



I. M. BLANKFORT

Congratulations to I. M. Blankfort who was 100 years old on Tuesday, February 5th. He is the father of three sons and one daughter. He has eighteen grandchildren and twenty-eight great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. He came to this country in 1876 from Poland. He is a descendant of the late Vilna Gaon. Most of his life in this country he spent in acting as Hebrew teacher. Among the distinguished men he taught are many notable leaders in Jewish and civic life.

When asked to what he attributed mostly his long life, he said, first G-d and then he always believed in moderation.

MEN'S CLUB

A meeting of the Men's Club will be held this Monday night, February 11th. At this meeting the discussion on the "Full Employment Bill" will be continued. Refreshments will be served.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

A regular meeting of the Women's League will be held this Monday afternoon, February 11th, 1 P. M., at our Synagogue House.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Meyer Texon of the Yeshivah College Women's Organization. A social hour will precede with Mrs. Annie R. Morris and Mrs. Harry Ward as hostesses.

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth afternoon services will be conducted this Shabbos with Samuel Ward as Reader of the Torah, Harvey Shapiro Reader of Services and Morton S. Cohen Speaker.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST JWV. 297 Gift to Retiring Commander, Max E. Sanders

The first meeting under the new administration will be held this Wednesday night, February 13th. All veterans are invited to attend.

At the Installation which was held on Wednesday, January 30th, Max E. Sanders was presented by the Post with a gift in appreciation of his valuable services and leadership.

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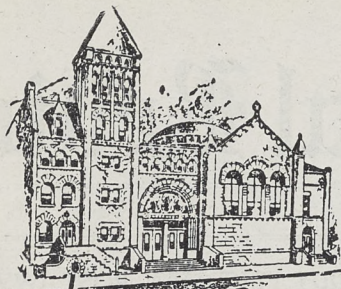
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BAR MITZVAH



Richard David Lewis

Our sincerest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Lewis upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Richard David, which will be held this Shabbos in our Synagogue.



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JOSEPH HERMAN HERTZ

Joseph Herman Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire who passed on to his eternal reward, was one of the world's as well as one of Jewry's interpid leaders.

At the time of the Boxer uprising in South Africa where he was then Rabbi, he sturdily upheld Great Britain.

As Chief Rabbi during World Wars I and II, he gave unstintingly of his endeavors to rescue and to aid our refugee brethren. He also organized the most potent agency for kashrus and for observance of Judaism for the men in the Service excelling any other Jewish effort made anywhere in behalf of the soldier.

Dr. Hertz was a great preacher; his sermons were very brief but trenchant. He edited the finest Bible and Prayer-Book Commentaries in English.

Dr. Hertz, when he was the Rabbi of Orach Chaim, used to preach against one set of orthodox Jews opposing another set and would always say, "let us hammer together rather than hammering at each other." He was stout of heart, fearless and generous. May the righteous be remembered for blessing.



241ST COMMANDMENT

"Thou Shalt Noi Take Vengeance"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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If one did another harm in any way it is generally customary on the part of the aggrieved to get even with his neighbor. Because of this natural desire to get even we have our Commandment, Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 18, "Thou shalt not take vengeance." If one takes vengeance, he is even (with his neighbor.) If he does not, he is even higher than his neighbor. This is one of the sins in which most people find themselves guilty from time to time, namely to take revenge. The Sifrah points out that if one came to his neighbor and asked him to lend him his scythe and he was refused and the next day the

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person who refused to lend the scythe comes to his neighbor and says, lend me your hatchet and the following answer is given to him: Just as you did not want to lend me your scythe, I will not lend you my hatchet. This would be in violation of our commandment: "Thou shalt not take vengeance." In other words, not only are we not to take vengeance but we are to repay good for evil. When we take vengeance, we are only stirring up the evil in us and in our neighbor. When we repay him good for evil, then we prick his conscience and there is every chance for repentance and a better way of living for the future. To do good rather than evil in the long run does much more for finer living than taking vengeance. Furthermore one should always take stock of what is happening to him whether it be on the side of good or evil. He should understand that it is one's sin that causes the harm and not the man to do evil unto him. Therefore one should not try to take vengeance of any human being. David said in regard to Shimei, the son of Gerah who he wanted to curse him. "Let him alone for it is not Shimei Ben Gerah who is cursing me but my sin."

UNDEMOCRATIC PLAN

by Rabbi Philip Harris Singer

At present at the National Conference of Federations and Welfare Funds which is being held at Detroit, an undemocratic and unJewish proposal is being considered, namely, the National Charity Budgeting Plan. This plan proposes that a National Committee would budget the charity allotments of each community. The local communities would only raise the money but have no say in their distribution. In 1940 this plan was proposed but was voted down. However, today its adoption is likely. Therefore we, especially orthodox Jews, must fight against this plan.

Our rabbis in the Talmud tell us that charities for local needs must be collected by two people and distributed by three. For national needs, it is to be collected by three distributed by three. For the distribution of charity must never be in the hands of a smaller and more concentrated committee. Our rabbis have long since seen how undemocratic such plan is.

There is also a danger that many

of our causes which find no favor in the eyes of some of the members of the Committee would not receive any allotments. Amongst the officers of the Federations and Welfare Funds are found many of the Council for American Judaism. Would they allot any money for Palestine or for Yeshivos? But monies raised by orthodox institutions from orthodox Jews will be used for propagating their ideas.

The various drives and campaigns for Palestine and Jewish education served in many communities as a means of educating our people about Palestine and Judaism.

The individual Jew regarded the money which he gave to Palestine not as mere charity, such as given for hospitals, homes for the aged and orphanages, but to help the revival of the Jew; and inspired the donor with a love for the Holy Land and a hope for our future. Under this plan he will just be giving charity.

Orthodox Jews of New York City, who contribute a huge sum, ought to protest against this plan and their voice will carry weight.

20TH ANNIVERSARY



Cantor Zalmon Yavneh

We are happy to announce that our sweet-voiced Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh will have his annual concert in conjunction with his celebration of 20 years of service as cantor, on Sunday evening, February 24th in our Synagogue.

Cantor Yavneh is preparing a special Maariv Service and a program of liturgical music to be assisted by Samuel Sterner and his Choir.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

The children of our Talmud Torah have organized a "Pikuach Nefesh" club ("save a life") under the supervision of our head teacher, Mr. S. Konovitch. The purpose of this club is to send food packages to the needy children in Europe and Palestine. The children are also made aware of the need for cooperation with Jewish children throughout the world.

The officers of the club are: Abram Coifman, Henry Maringer, Chairmen; Samuel Ward Ann Hirsch, Abraham Shalita, Chairmen Stock Committee; Ruth Ukeles, Rene Tomaras, Sec.; Jack Wohl, Joseph Padower, Emanuel Akselrod, Alana Knee, Leonard Binder, Shipping.

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Friday lighting candles	5:05
Mincha	5:10
Saturday morning	9:00
Jr. Congregation	10:00
Mesibas Shabbos	1:30
Oneg Shabbos	3:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	4:15
Rabbi Singer's Class	4:15
Mincha	5:15
Sabbath Terminates	5:56
Sunday morning	6:45, 8:45
Tuesday morning	6:45, 8:45
DAILY SERVICES	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:15

Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch conducted by Rabbi Goldstein.

SEA SCOUTS

Herbert Hirsch, New Skipper

Mr. Emanuel Fine announces that the new Skipper of the Sea Scouts, Ship 1030 is Herbert Hirsch who has recently returned from the Services in the Armed Forces. The Sea Scouts meet at our Synagogue on Tuesday nights. All children between the ages of 10 and 13 who are interested in Sea Scouting are invited to join.



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

A new term is now functioning in our Hebrew School. Many children are pursuing their Hebrew studies diligently. There is room however for many more pupils.

One class in the Hebrew School—the Kindergarten Class—will especially appeal to you, if you pay us a visit on Sunday morning. This class is composed of boys and girls from the ages of four and a half to six and a half years. They are in charge of Miss Annette Peikes who loves her work, and therefore succeeds in keeping the children interested throughout the period of two hours from ten to twelve each Sunday morning.

You, our readers, will enjoy tremendously when you hear this class join in Hebrew songs, or in learning how to pronounce Hebrew blessings, or join in the playing of games which involve the use of some Hebrew words.

You realize of course the importance of getting the children when young, to become familiar to the sound and use of Hebrew. Here is an opportunity to do so, and at the same time have them enjoy the process, and acquire a religious habit.

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Getting Personal

Happy birthday to Rabbi Goldstein who celebrates today. Our wishes for many many more birthdays . . . Likewise to Buddy Diamond, Lt. Robert Breitbart, Arnold Oshrin, Sheila Ullman and to one year old Lois Helen, daughter of Corp. and Mrs. Mitchell Kass, granddaughter of Mrs. Jeanette Segal . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock upon their Silver wedding anniversary. We hope to congratulate them upon their Golden Anniversary . . . Did you see Morty Langer in that bow tie and wide brimmed hat? He looked like Frank Sinatra on the Bima saying the Haftorah, mother and father beamed. The Langer family is surely happy. By the way Morty is celebrating his birthday this week . . . Our wedding anniversary congratulations go to Assemblyman and Mrs. Ira Holley, Mrs. and Mrs. Frank, Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan (what a fine cholent she made last week) . . . Congratulations to the graduating students, Thelma Spanbock, Lee Langer and Samuel Ward . . . Glad to have in Shule with us last Shabbos, Capt. Blondheim, Louis Landowne, Major Sylvan Marshall and Cpl. Bernard Weiss . . . Welcome home to Mrs. Jack Levine . . . Our representative at Cornell, Marilyn Wohl is in for a visit . . . Mazel-tov to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Caplan upon the birth of a daughter and to grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein . . . We were glad to have with us last Shabbos Leopold Hirsch and Mrs. Bessie Wartels, "Pop's" Boss. Thank G-d they're off the sick list . . . Mazel-tov to Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz upon the marriage of their son Alex to Rita Ross of Portland, Maine . . . To prove that the basis for a successful marriage is the art of meeting each other half-way they were married in Brookline, Mass. . . . We wish the young couple much happiness . . . Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim are sunning themselves we hope in Florida . . . Glad to see Robert Kirsh out of his cast hopping to greet his father, Alex Kirsh, back from Bermuda . . . Mrs. Jess Ward has graciously offered to be hostess at her home to the Board of the Women's League . . . Congratulations to Chaplain Norman Siegal upon his engagement to Vivian Horowitz, daughter of our member, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Horowitz.

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