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Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Tetzaveh—תצוה SUFFERING

20. "AND THOU SHALT COMMAND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY BRING THEE PURE OLIVE OIL, BEATEN FOR THE LIGHT, TO CAUSE THE LAMP TO BURN ALWAYS." The Rabbis say that Aaron was given the office of supervising the sacrifices, whilst Moses was entrusted with the function of instructing the people. The Rabbis further say that the oil is symbolic of the soul and just as the oil had to be "beaten for light," so the soul seems to give forth its best when under pressure. They draw a very striking parallel between the violin, whose beautiful strains are only produced as a result of pressure upon its strings, and Israel's soul, whose highest self-realization, conformity to the Torah, seems to come as a result of the pressure of deprivation and suffering. They say further, that just as the oil used for kindling a flame must be wholly pure if we want to procure a clear and unflickering light, so the soul must be pure, devoid of bad characteristics and evil inclination if we want the spiritual light emanating from it to be clear and undimmed when it is kindled by the flame of the Torah.

LIFE

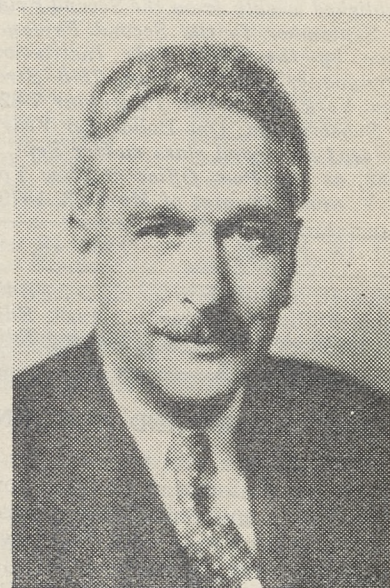
"TO CAUSE THE LAMP TO BURN ALWAYS." This is symbolic of the light of the Torah. Our lives are to be guided by the mandates of the Torah at all times as we read in the Book of Joshua, Chapter 1, verse 8: "And thou shalt meditate therein day and night." There is no phase of life which does not come under the dominion of the Torah in one way or another, and every act of our daily lives, be it at home or in the business world, furnishes another opportunity for us to fulfill, or G-d forbid, transgress a Divine Command. Thus every Jew should carry the searchlight of the Torah with him to examine all his activities, as to whether they are for or against the teachings of the Torah.

MARVIN LOWENTHAL FAMED WRITER AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT TO SPEAK MONDAY EVE., FEB. 18, 8:40 P.M. Topic: THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE JEW

Rabbi Goldstein's Monday night discussion on "What Is (Orthodox) Judaism?" will be followed by a Forum with Marvin Lowenthal, writer, historian and foreign correspondent. Mr. Lowenthal is a popular lecturer and prominent contributor of leading magazines. For many years he has lived abroad and enjoyed unique praise in his various posts and for his contributions to civilization and contemporary life in Europe, the Near East, North Africa and

America.

He has devoted part of his time in recent years to speaking before various organizations, clubs and universities, club groups and over the radio. Wherever he has spoken he has evoked marked enthusiasm and appreciation.



Marvin Lowenthal

WOMEN'S LEAGUE PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DESERT LUNCHEON

On Monday, February 25, at twelve o'clock noon, our Women's League will hold a Membership Dessert Luncheon, at our Synagogue House.

There will be no charge for admission other than PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Every member is urged to bring a New Member.

If you send your check of three dollars, made out to the Women's League of the W.S.I.S. at once together with membership blank, below, a card of admission to the luncheon will be sent to you.

The following hostesses for the occasion, assure you of a most enjoyable afternoon. Mesdames Hattie Davis, David Elfenbein, Ben K. Eisenberg, Samuel Greenman, Morris Jablow, Moses Langer, Samuel W. Siegel, Jules Shaftan, and Jess Ward. Mrs. Harry Ward is the chairman of the function.

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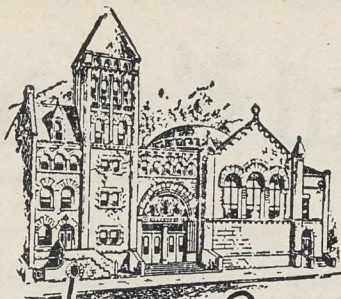
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MEN'S CLUB AND WOMEN'S LEAGUE PURIM PARTY

A Purim Party sponsored jointly by the Men's Club and the Women's League will be held in our building on Saturday evening, March 16th. Supper will be served after the reading of the Megillah. Entertainment, dancing and games will guarantee an evening of fun in the spirit of Purim. Subscription is \$2.50 per person. The following are the members of the Arrangement Committee: Women's League—Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Mrs. Harry Ward, Mrs. Jules Shaftan, Mrs. Moses Langer, Mrs. Allen Fox.

Men's Club—Mr. Charles Cohen, Mr. Herman W. Hirsch, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Mortimer H. Epstein.

You may make your reservations by contacting our office.



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SOVIET RUSSIA AND PALESTINE

Soviet Russia has renewed its interest and influence in Arabian countries, and many asked the question what will that mean for the Jewish Palestine. Will Russia be brought into the Palestinian problem? Is Russia out to break the White Paper Policy of England or will she help the Arabs?

Russia never had direct or official diplomatic relations with Palestine. She has no ambassador or consul in Palestine. The reasons given for this were that Russia does not recognize the mandate and secondly this would bring her into the midst of the disputes which she is trying to avoid.

The Jews of Palestine did not fear any intervention of Russia. The Arab princes who have been oppressing the peasants and supported Hitler during the War are those who should fear the intervention of Russia. On the contrary, we felt and hoped that the Jewish "Yishuv" in Palestine will find favor in the eyes of Russia. But we hoped in vain. Russia took up the cudgels of Arab nationalists. Does Russia need oil too?

P.H.S.



241ST COMMANDMENT

"Thou Shalt Not ake Vengeance."

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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It is found that one who carries out this commandment not to take vengeance, will do himself a great deal of good for it will remove hatred from his heart and increase peace among men.

This law pertains at all times and to all places and refers to male and female and one who trespasses it, making his heart a permanent seat of hatred against his neighbor until he does him harm or until he repays him for his evil, trespasses this negative commandment and promotes much evil in the world.

Dr. Hertz points out that this commandment forbids us to repay evil with evil. 'If a man finds both a friend and an enemy in distress, he should first assist his enemy, in

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THINKING OUT LOUD A VETERAN'S MESSAGE

By George G. Silverman

Since 1941 many young men and women of the Jewish faith answered the "call to arms" which transformed their mode of living and in some instances scraped away certain sacred values.

In our community, as elsewhere, many of these ex-servicemen and women have now returned, and are trying to re-establish their interests in Jewish communal activities. For some, this will not be difficult, because the principles of Judaism are so endeared in their hearts, that no matter what befell them they still maintain the knowledge and interests which they possessed before Pearl Harbor.

However, there are some veterans who are finding it difficult to find their "niche" again in Jewish affairs, and it is on these men and women upon whom our synagogues must focus attention and offer guidance.

How? Perhaps, the first item would be for every synagogue to

order to subdue his evil inclination," i.e., man's inborn passion for revenge (Talmud). Joseph's conduct to his brethren, and David's to Saul, are among the noblest instances of forgiveness to be found in literature. Samuel Ibn Nagrela, Spanish-Jewish poet and vizier to the king of Granada, was one day cursed in the presence of the king, who commanded Samuel to punish the offender by cutting out his tongue. The Jewish vizier, however, treated his enemy kindly, whereupon the curses became blessings. When the king next noticed the offender, he was astonished that Samuel had not carried out his command. Samuel replied, 'I have torn out his angry tongue, and given him instead a kind one.'

The Jews hunted out of Spain in 1492 were in turn cruelly expelled from Portugal. Eighty years later, the descendants of the men who had thus inhumanly treated their Jewish fellowmen were defeated in Africa, whither they had been led by their king, Don Sebastian. Those who were not slain were offered as slaves at Fez to the descendants of the Jewish exiles from Portugal. 'The humbled Portugese nobles,' the historian narrates, "were comforted when their purchasers proved to be Jews, for they knew that they had humane hearts' (M. Joseph).

swing the veteran's attention once become acquainted with the veterans and extend to each an invitation to join one of the active groups connected with the Synagogue of worship. Practically every veteran returning more than welcomes the bright sunny smiles of a community group.

In this respect, the West Side Institutional Synagogue is affording a cheerful welcome to ex-service men and women. But it is not an easy task which confronts W.S.I.S. or any other "House of G-d."

Just saying "hello" and where were you overseas?" is not enough. Warmth and true friendship must be shown these men and women.

The community must not minimize the importance of this task. Each synagogue must meet this problem in the best way possible.

And as funny as the idea may sound, a good part of the problem can be lessened by the young ladies of a synagogue. They should be able to find ways and means to

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WANTED: SEWING MACHINES

A number of sewing machines are needed at the depots for the Clothing Collection for our brethren overseas. Some clothes which come in are not in condition to be sent unless mended, and work-shops to do this work are being planned.

If you have a sewing machine which you are not using, we would greatly appreciate if you would contribute it for this most worthy cause. Please contact our office, TR. 7-8281.

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again to dances, socials, discussions of interests and perhaps a few house-warmings. The main brunt of the task falls upon the Executive Board of a Synagogue. They must charter the course to be followed. But every young lady and male member must actively contribute support.

Unfortunately, no matter how deeply linked Jewish habits and customs are with a returning veteran, he or she finds it difficult most of the time to attend services on Saturdays. The day is not too far off, perhaps, when a universal five-day week will be as natural as the water we drink. When that day comes then all Jewish young men and women will be able to follow the truths of the Torah on Shabbos. Little by little the mutterings these former soldiers made under fire will once again become the melodious chants which we all love to sing on Shabbos and holidays.

If the formula is applied effectively, gradually the visions of guns and the scowls of hatred will be brushed away from those effected by the war, and the troublesome days of yesterday will be supplanted by fresh ideas for healthy participation in Synagogue functions.

Hence, it is up to every member of every Synagogue — W.S.I.S. and elsewhere to take stock of what they are actually doing for these returning men and women of their neighborhood.

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth Afternoon Services will be held this Shabbos with Herbert Perlman as Reader of the Torah, and Harold Levine, Speaker.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Tetzaveh	
Friday Lighting Candles	5:13
Mincha	5:20
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	6:04
Sunday Morning	6:45, 8:45
Friday (Washington's Birthday) Purim Kotton	6:45, 8:45
DAILY SERVICES	
Morning	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:20
Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch conducted by Rabbi Goldstein.	

CONDOLENCE

Our sincerest sympathies to the family of

JACK STRACHMAN

a friend and contributor. May the Almighty comfort you amongst the rest of the mourners of Jerusalem.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN**HERO, PATRIOT AND JEW**

Everyone who knew Buddy loved and admired him for his simplicity, his intense loyalty to Judaism and for his sincerity. It now appears that not only did he make the supreme sacrifice for our beloved country, but in addition he provided for the distribution of his entire estate to charitable organizations, naming our institution for the most substantial share.

In a letter written to his uncle, our Director Siegfried Bendheim, from the battlefield, he directed how his worldly possessions should be distributed. His sister, Mrs. Joan N. Lavin, generously contributed the amount left to her in insurance policies, thus increasing the bequests. The West Side Institutional Synagogue received a substantial and at the same time, the largest amount as its share. The "Buddy" Friedman Post No. 297, of the Jewish War Veterans was organized long before we knew of this bequest. It is certainly becoming a fitting memorial to our hero, and loyal Jew. May his memory be a blessing.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

A very pleasant event scheduled for Sunday evening, February 24th, 1946, is the Concert of our sweet-singing Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, marking twenty years of devoted service.

The evening will be devoted to Maariv service and the rendition of Liturgical Music and Folk songs. Cantor Yavneh will be assisted by the well known Choir-Master Samuel Sterner and his trained male choir.

To help the celebration, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will deliver an appropriate address and Max E. Sanders, our Vice-President, will speak on behalf of the Congregation. Rabbi Philip Harris Singer will be in charge of the program.

Those of you, our readers, who are acquainted with our popular Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh, realize his devotion and his sincerity. All of you will want to be in our Synagogue on that evening, February 24th, and join with him in celebrating this memorable occasion, at the same time enjoy the beautiful melodies sung in the artistic way, characteristic of Cantor Yavneh.

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