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Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Ki-Seesoh— כִּי תִשָּׂא COUNTING

12. "WHEN THOU TAKEST THE SUM OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AFTER THEIR NUMBER, THEN SHALL THEY GIVE EVERY MAN A RANSOM FOR HIS SOUL". The Rabbi says that the reason for giving a ransom is the fact that after a nation has been numbered it may become possessed of a feeling of pride and arrogance which will imbue it with a desire to wage war. War generally brings plague and famine in its train. Hence the injunction arose to bring a ransom as a precaution against a plague, as we read in the Second Book of Samuel, Chapter 24, verse 13, where the prophet Gad announces unto David the penalty for having numbered Israel. "Shall there come unto thee seven years of famine in thy land, or wilt thou flee three months before thy enemies while they pursue thee, or that there be three days pestilence in thy land? etc."

David's reply to this we have in our Tachanun prayer

"And David said unto Gad, 'I am in desperate straits: Let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great, but let me not fall into the hand of man.'"

To counteract all this Israel is commanded to give half a shekel per capita as a symbol of the fact that standing by ourselves we are an incomplete entity. Without our dependence upon God's Providence we are mere fragments and fractions. The Torah places these verses after verse ten where the Day of Atonement is referred to, hence the custom arose of making appeals for all kinds of communal charities on the Day of Atonement. These charities atone for many a shortcoming committed during the entire year, both on the part of the individual and the community.

MICHAEL G. TRESS TO BE GUEST SPEAKER MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 8:30

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON
"WHAT IS ORTHODOX JUDAISM?"

Topic: "WHAT I SAW IN GERMANY"

CONCERT

This Sunday night, Feb. 24th at our Synagogue a Maariv and Liturgical Concert will be presented by Cantor Zalmon Yavneh assisted by Samuel Sterner and his male chorus.

MEN'S CLUB AND WOMEN'S LEAGUE PURIM PARTY

The Men's Club and the Women's League will jointly sponsor a Purim Party, to be held in our Synagogue on Saturday evening, March 16th. A supper will be served after the reading of the Megillah. Door prizes consisting of nylon stockings, cigarette lighters, neckties and many other articles will be distributed.

Plans are being made for an evening of fun in the Purim spirit. Subscription is \$2.50 per person. We can only accommodate 100 people. Therefore please make your reservations at once, but not later than March 8th.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dessert Luncheon This Monday Noon Every Member Bring A Member

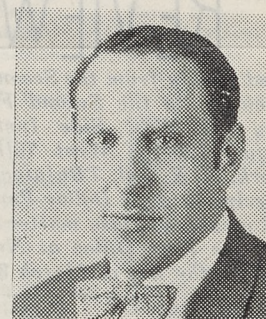
If you have already paid your dues for the year, you will be a guest of the Women's League at this Luncheon.

If you have not done so, send your check of \$3, made out to the Women's League of W. S. I. S. and a card of admission will await you at the door, on the day of the Luncheon.

Every Member Bring A Member

Invite your friends to our Membership Dessert Luncheon which will be held on Monday, February 25th at 12 o'clock, at our Synagogue House.

You will spend a very delightful afternoon playing Mah Jongg and other games without any charge.



Michael G. Tress

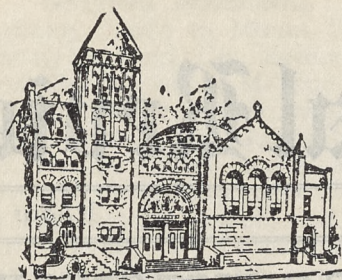
Rabbi Goldstein's Discussion will be followed by the Forum with Michael G. Tress, National President of the Agudath Israel Youth Council.

Mr. Tress has taken a leave of absence from his business activities for the past five years and has devoted himself to refugee and immigration work. He has just returned from a visit through the European countries, under the auspices of the UNRRA, with particular interest concerning the conditions of our Jewish brethren. He will give us an eyewitness report on what he saw in the camps for the interned Jews. He is a very interesting speaker and it will be worth your while to come.

Please come early.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

We are planning to reopen our Arts and Crafts workroom under the leadership of Mr. Louis Goldsmith, whose products are now being featured at the exhibit at Hearn's. He has also done fine work for the American Red Cross, Halloran Hospital and St. Albans Hospital. All children and young people interested in arts and crafts will please contact our office.



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MEMBERSHIP IN A SYNAGOGUE

Membership in a Congregation should imply a religious obligation, not only to support financially the ideals of the Institution but also to assume a personal obligation in terms of religious practice everywhere.

We cannot emphasize too strongly that a man's affiliation with religion should be reflected in his business. His word should be at least as good as his bond.

We should discipline ourselves against making promises that are never intended to be kept. We are shocked from time to time when this or that man's name is mentioned as a member of a congregation and then we say in disgust, "Is that your religious man?"

It is shocking to note that people today are not concerned or upset about the wholesale backsliding from the Jewish religion, not to speak merely of our personal lives but even of our communal endeavors.

Membership in a Congregation,—should bring with it religious responsibility.



242nd COMMANDMENT "Thou Shalt Not Bear Any Grudge" By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Although as we have seen in the previous commandment, "Thou shalt not take vengeance," that we are not to pay evil for evil in money matters. We are not to bear a grudge in our heart. As for instance as is pointed out in the Sifrah. One said, may I borrow your scythe and he did not lend it to him and the one who refused to lend his neighbor his scythe came to him the next day and said, "May I borrow your hatchet?" He lets him have his hatchet but says to him, "I am not like you. You wouldn't lend me your scythe, but I am lending you my hatchet." Therefore, the Bible says one should not bear any grudge even though he did not take vengeance.

In my Bible Comments I have the

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following to say concerning this commandment: "This is understood by the Rabbis to prohibit one from bearing a grudge because he has not the courage to tell his grievances to the offending party. If you register your complaints with the offender there is a possibility that he may remedy matters to your satisfaction, whereas if he is not conscious of your grievances, he may go on offending you indefinitely without being conscious of so doing.

The details of this commandment are as those of the previous one. In other words, if one says to another, I will not lend you the thing you need because you did not lend it to me when I asked for it, this is vengeance. If a man says, I will lend you the thing although you refused to lend it to me when I asked for it, this is bearing a grudge.

In The Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, we read: "Love ye one another from the heart; and if a man sin against thee, cast forth the poison of hate and speak peaceably to him. If he confesses and repents, forgive him. But if he be shameless and persist in his wrongdoing, even so forgive him from the heart, and leave the avenging to G-d. The Rabbis declare, "He who has a forgiving spirit is himself forgiven."

WEAK BROTHERHOOD WEAK

By: Rabbi Philip Harris Singer

This week has been designated for the observance of Brotherhood Week under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. There is a great need, now, in our country for a better understanding between people of all religions, races and colors. It is enough to just keep in mind the report of the Greater New York Federation of Churches to bring us to the realization that bigotry, racism and antisemitism are raging in this country.

The Federation of Churches reported that a certain "investigator" of the Committee on Unamerican Activities, by the name of Nichols, made the following statement in the presence of Ernie Adamson, Chief Council of the Committee, directed at Professor Cloyd Miller of the Teachers College of Columbia University: "Tell your Jewish friends that Jews in Germany stuck their necks out too far and Hitler treated them as was coming to them and the same will happen in this country unless the Jews will be more careful."

Would it not be practical to de-

vote Brotherhood Week to a campaign against Rankin and his henchmen?

Does Brotherhood Week mean only that Jewish and Christian clergymen interchange pulpits? Does not this only bring the clergymen to a closer friendship? But how about the congregants?

Will Frank Sinatra's "The House I Live In" influence the teen agers to live amiably with their Jewish and Catholic school mates? Will Jennifer Jones', Katherine Hepburn's and Walter Pidgeon's remarks educate the movie audiences? Will not Eddie Cantor's remarks only humor his fellow Jews? The movie is a practical means of re-education — but — it must be of a more substantial character than what MGM and Warner Brothers have given us to date.

Brotherhood Week should mean a full week, 7 days in the week and not only the weekend when at synagogue, church or movies but also in our offices, factories and businesses. Perhaps a week is too short a time to re-educate? If we do designate only one week, it must have an intensive and full educational program!

February 13, 1946

Dear Sirs:

In the name of our organization I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation to you and your members for your constant cooperation and contributions towards our drive to send clothing and food to our stricken Jewish brethren in Europe.

The thousands of Jewish children who will benefit through your help join us in sending you these thanks. We hope you will continue your grand work.

Sincerely yours,
MIRIAM T. OPPENHEIMER
Chairman, Women's Division
Food for the Jewish Children
of Europe, Inc.

We are indebted to Mrs. Samuel Greenman and the Women's League for their enthusiastic cooperation. Our women do their share at the branch of the organization at 2689 Broadway every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 P. M.

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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Portion of the Week—Kisich

Friday Lighting Candles	5:20
Mincha	5:25
Saturday Morning	9:00
Jr. Congregation	10:00
Mesibas Shabbos	1:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class	4:20
Rabbi Singer's Class	4:20
Mincha	5:20
Sabbath Terminates	6:10
Sunday Morning	6:45, 8:45

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:30

Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch
conducted by Rabbi Goldstein.

YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Youth afternoon services will be held this Shabbos with Jason Jacobowitz as Reader of the Torah, Gideon Goldman, Reader of Services and Abe Weiss, Speaker.

ANNUAL RED CROSS DRIVE

March 1st marks the opening of the Annual Red Cross Drive. We feel that every man and women will want to make some contribution to the Red Cross, which does such wonderful work at all times.

Won't you please make your contribution to this cause through our Women's League so that we may make a fine showing in our community.

Send your check made out to Red Cross, to the Women's League of the W.S.I.S., 122 West 76th Street, c/o Mrs. Louis Davis, Red Cross Chairman.

COOKING CLASS

The class in Jewish cooking conducted by Miss Weinberger will meet on Tuesday nights at 8:30. All women interested in this course, where they will learn to prepare Jewish dishes, such as gefilte fish, blintzes, Haman tashen (Purim is near), and perhaps also a cugel and cholent, will please contact our office.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

The Buddy Friedman Post will have a regular meeting on Wednesday night, February 27th at our Synagogue. All veterans are invited to attend.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

An idea has been advanced by a member of our institution, who has recently acquired a plot in our Memorial Park, in Mt. Eden Cemetery in Westchester County, which I think, displays good sense, keen judgment and consideration for his family.

Said he, "I consider the purchase of a plot for a permanent resting place, as a duty which I owe to my family. By making arrangements now, I save my family the inconvenience, strain, and anguish, incidental to acquiring a location under stress when tragedy strikes. Now that I have a permanent home I feel very much relieved. However, I am going one step further. I am planning to erect a FAMILY STONE NOW, without waiting for the inevitable end. I believe that it is entirely proper and sensible to put my family name on my estate. Why should I wait until I am gone and have some one else select the kind of a family stone to erect on my future domicile? Rather do I prefer to use my individual good taste and ideas, while I am still here and in a position to have my wishes put into effect."

I urge you, our readers, particularly those who are interested in this subject,—and who is not,—to give serious consideration to the thoughts advanced.

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