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Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Vayakhayl—ויקהל

SABBATH SERVICE

1. "AND MOSES GATHERED ALL THE CONGREGATION OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL," Etc.

He called them together for the purpose of telling them to construct the Tabernacle. The Rabbis note that throughout the whole Torah with the exception of this instance, we do not find Moses gathering the people together. This shows that the laws of observing the Sabbath, as we see in the following verses, should be addressed to large crowds of people. The merit of observing the Sabbath, is so enormous and the sin of desecrating it so correspondingly great, that non-observance is tantamount to idolatry. Hence there arose the custom of congregations meeting on each Sabbath and Festival day, not only for the purpose of reading the portion of the week and reciting the Sabbath or Festival prayers, but also to hear an address by a learned man, explaining the significance of the Sedra of the day. This has been and is the custom throughout the length and breadth of the diaspora up to the present time.

Sabbath

"SIX DAYS SHALL WORK BE DONE, BUT ON THE SEVENTH DAY," Etc. Though the building of the Temple is certainly a lofty object, yet even this does not justify Sabbath desecration.

Sabbath Candles

3. "YE SHALL KINDLE NO FIRE THROUGHOUT YOUR HABITATIONS UPON THE SABBATH DAY."

This verse has once been misunderstood by a sect called the Karaites. They interpreted it to mean that no fire should be allowed to burn in a Jewish home during the twenty-four hours of the Sabbath. As a result, the members of that sect had their houses unilluminated and unheated on the Sabbath. As a proof that this idea of self-imposed darkness and discomfort is a mistake we have the command to kindle the Sabbath candles which shed light and radiance over the Sabbath table.

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WSIS HOUSING COMMITTEE

A Housing Committee is now being formed to help our young married people get settled. We need volunteers for this work. Please contact our office mornings between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and ask for Housing Committee.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS PAGEANT

On Monday night, March 4th, the Jewish War Veterans will present a Gigantic Pageant at Madison Square Garden depicting Jewish Historical events. We therefore omit our Monday night discussion this week to allow everyone to attend this impressive Pageant.

MEN'S CLUB

A regular meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Tuesday night, March 5th. An interesting and enjoyable evening is guaranteed, as usual. You may bring your men friends. Refreshments will be served.

FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST

This Sunday morning we shall again have a Father and Son Morning Service and Breakfast. The Men's Club will be the host. The guest speaker at the Breakfast will be Mr. Ira Streusand, famed as one of the Colleges' best basketball players.

Services will be held at 8:35, so set your alarm clocks and be with us Sunday morning.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

On Monday afternoon, March 4th, our Women's League will hold a session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class, as well as a regular meeting.

In accordance with the new arrangement, the Social Hour which will precede the Bible Class and meeting, will begin at one o'clock promptly. Come early so that you may meet and greet your friends, as well as our new members.

Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein will be the hostess at the Social Hour in honor of her wedding anniversary.

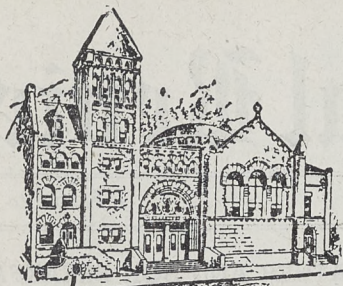
All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Mr. Abe Goodman, who won an enviable reputation as an amateur photographer is willing to volunteer his services to us to teach photography to a group of young men and women. All interested in learning photography from an expert, kindly contact our office.

PURIM PARTY

The Purim Party sponsored jointly by the Men's Club and the Women's League will be held at our Synagogue on Saturday evening, March 16th following the Reading of the Megillah. Subscription is \$2.50 per person. Admission will be limited to 100 people. We therefore advise you to make your reservations at once, and not later than March 8th. An evening well spent in the true Purim spirit is in store for those who will attend.



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JEWISH MUSIC WEEK

Jewish Music Week is being observed this week through recitals and concerts of Jewish music and songs. The concerts which were given during the early part of the week were attended by full capacity audiences and many had standing room only. This proves that American Jewry has an interest in Jewish music. The music critics of all leading newspapers praised these performances very highly. And this shows that we have Jewish artists and composers who are devoting themselves successfully to the development of Jewish music which was neglected through the many years of our exile.

It should now be our objective to popularize Jewish music through family singing in our homes and by organizing choral groups and orchestras in our synagogues and social centers. Parents who have talented children should interest them in joining these projects.

We Jews have supplied geniuses for non-Jewish music. Let us dedicate some to our own. For Jewish music is the expression of the Jewish soul—its troubles, its anxieties, its longing for G-d and its hopes.

P. H. S.



243rd COMMANDMENT To Love One's Neighbor As Oneself

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I

This commandment cannot at first be understood and accepted. It does not seem true to life. Our Rabbis say that our attitude toward others should be the same we would want others to exhibit towards us. For instance, we should always act toward another man's possessions as if they were ours, as we read in Leviticus Chapter 19, verse 18, "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself". Let the honor and property of thy fellowman be as dear to thee as thine own. These three Hebrew words ואהבת לרעך כמוך. "And thou

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shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," were early recognized as the most comprehensive rule of conduct, as containing the essence of religion and applicable in every human relation and towards all men. Even the criminal condemned to die, say the Rabbis, has a claim on our brotherly love, and we must spare him unnecessary suffering."

When Hillel was asked by a heathen to state the Law on one foot (in as few words as possible), he put our commandment of "love thy neighbor as thyself" negatively "What is hateful unto thee do not do unto thy fellowman. This is the whole law; the rest is explanation". Rabbi Akiva also said that this is the great general rule of the Torah upon which many commandments depend. In other words, if one loves his neighbor as himself, he will not steal from him, he will not commit adultery with his wife, he will not cheat him in money matters, he will not remove his boundary and trespass upon his neighbor, he will not do him harm in any way. There are a number of commandments that arise as a result of this general principle of "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself".

Thinking Out Loud

To too many people today Miami Beach is a symbol of a decaying society—a symbol of a part of society which made a little too much money during the war and does not know how to spend it.

There are far wealthier resort towns than Miami Beach where the residents spend as much or more money on luxurious living. But, unfortunately, Miami Beach is guilty of two breaches of conduct: one is poor taste, and the other is behavior in the face of a world Jewish crisis today.

A certain percentage at the tourists are Jewish, and many of them seem to be "nouveau riche": Their income today is greater than it has ever been, either because of war profits or because they had no way of spending money during the war and are now flush. They can't seem to be able to spend their money quickly and ostentatiously enough. Women can be seen with ornate jewelry on the simplest dresses and wearing furs to cover their bathing

suits or slacks. Not very chic. Not very good taste. Some visitors feel they can break the rules of the hotel or the town because of their wealth. They are certainly a credit to no one. Probably the climax of this winter's publicity was an article prominently placed on the first page of the second section of the N. Y. TIMES decrying the "situation" in Miami Beach. According to the article, prices have risen tremendously, and tourists still purchase the most expensive items in the shops. This has caused resentment on the part of the year round residents, who find themselves very limited.

This is undoubtedly bad. But if we want to be very tolerant we can say: Everyone to his own way. If some of these objectionable tourists happen to be Jewish there are all kinds of people in every group.

But the second breach of conduct can not be forgiven. How can we condone the actions of these pleasure-bound American Jews, when a large part of the surviving bulwark of the Jews is yet suffering? Can they dare to forget the rest of the world? Do they really think they

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February 18, 1946

Reverend and Dear Sir:

I want you and the members of your staff to know how much we appreciate all that you have done in connection with the Victory Clothing Campaign.

The excellent cooperation of your synagogue has been of tremendous assistance in our drive and this year, when the need overseas is greater than ever, we are particularly grateful for your help.

Please express my personal thanks and those of the Greater New York Committee to everyone concerned for the splendid job they have done.

Sincerely,
Nelson A. Rockefeller

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can go on living in a vacuum with a rising tide of anti-semitism not only throughout Europe, but seeping heavily into this country?

It is one thing to declaim anti-semitism or feel sorry for those poor Jews in Europe. But at this time pity is not enough. Rather this is the time for us American Jews, the bulk of the remaining world Jewry, to take stock of ourselves spiritually so that we may be better able to represent Jews. This is no time for ostentation, such as is in evidence in Miami.

Lenore Kaplan—Member of Club 613

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Portion of the Week—Vayakhale
Shabbos Parshos Shekolim

Prayer For the New Month—Adar II

Friday lighting candles 5:28

Mincha 5:35

Saturday morning 9:00

Jr. Congregation 10:00

Mesibas Shabbos 1:30

Rabbi Hurwitz's Class 4:20

Rabbi Singer's Class 4:20

Mr. Isaac Allen's Class 4:20

Mincha 5:20

Sabbath Terminates 6:19

Rosh Chodesh

Sunday morning 6:40, 8:30

Monday morning 6:30, 7:50, 8:20

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 5:35

Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch
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YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

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By Morris Jablow

To all people of Jewish faith, who are loyal to Traditional Judaism, the important and outstanding problem, is the rearing of our children in a manner which will cause them to absorb and inherit the feeling of loyalty to our Torah.

One way to solve that problem is to have our children from their earliest youth attend a Hebrew School, where they will become imbued with genuine devotion to our tried and true religion.

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Congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein upon their wedding anniversary. By the way Rabbi Goldstein was a guest at the White House last Wednesday. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller on their sixth wedding anniversary, to Mr. and Mrs. Jules Leff, to our Director and Mrs. Jacob H. Silverstein and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodman. . . . Happy birthday to Harriet Friedman, Muriel Livingston, Max Stokar, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, and to the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Goddess, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler, five year old James Lazare Wohl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wohl, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wohl and great grandson of Mrs. Regina Margareten. . . . Congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Sol Bellsey upon the approaching marriage of their son Ira Lewis to Miss Jacqueline Kurzon, Mazel-tov! . . . Welcome home to Irwin D. Selinka recently separated from Service and to Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, recently back from Florida. My you look tanned! . . . Congratulations to Sylvia Kestenbaum upon her graduation from NYU and also upon receiving a scholarship in Hebrew. She is now doing Occupational Therapy in the Payne Whitney Hospital. . . . Welcome to Lester H. Lazarus who is back with us after his graduation from Harvard Law School. Good luck Lester! . . . Congratulations to Dr. Isidore Freed and Miss Caroline Venkovich and to Mr. Newton Gleckel and Miss Gertrude Irene Burr who were married at our Synagogue last week. . . . Congratulations to our sweet singing Cantor Zalmon Yavneh upon the success of his Maariv service and concert of Liturgical music in our Synagogue last Sunday evening. He should be proud of the great outpouring of his many friends and the enthusiastic way in which his efforts were received. You should have seen the beaming face of his good wife. Rabbi Singer did a fine job as the M. C. . . . We were happy to see Morris J. Sydney—our only Life Member—when he visited us recently. He is looking wonderful and we hope his good health will continue. . . . Welcome home to Miss Leona Kesser. How is Nebraska?

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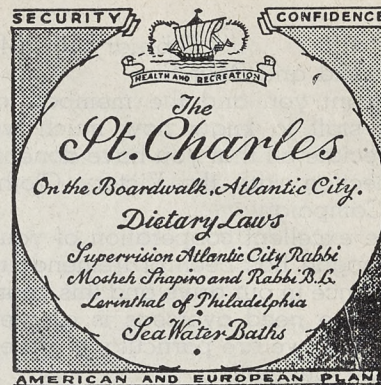
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