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## Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

### PUBLIC FUNDS

Pekooday—פקודי

21. THESE ARE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TABERNACLE," Etc. Here we have an example of how public property should be administered. No one, regardless of the fine reputation he may enjoy, should spend public money without giving an accounting of his expenditures. Moses, after the completion of the Tabernacle and its vessels, here gave a detailed account of the amount of the materials and the purposes for which he used them. Thus he fulfilled the commandment, "And be guiltless before the Lord and before Israel." (Book of Numbers, Chapters 32, verse 22.)

### Sincerity

22. "AND BEZALEEL, THE SON OF URI," Etc. "MADE ALL THAT THE LORD COMMANDED MOSES." The Rabbis say that Bezaleel, in every detail of his activities, had no other intention but to serve G-d and to carry out the Divine command.

### Collective Responsibility

23. "AND WITH HIM WAS AHOLIAB, THE SON OF AHISAMACH," Etc. Aholiab was "with him" — working in the same spirit.

The Rabbis deduce from this account the thought that public funds should not be spent without at least a commission of three in charge. Thus Moses, Bezaleel and Aholiab were the three who administered the public funds in connection with the building of the Tabernacle. Yet, with all this, Moses gave an accounting to the public.

### Accounts

28. "AND OF THE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY AND FIVE SHEKELS HE MADE HOOKS FOR THE PILLARS," Etc. Upon האלף the Hebrew word for "the thousand" there is the chanting sign of an exclamatory character. The Rabbis explain the reason for this as follows. When Moses rendered his accounting, he forgot how he spent the sum mentioned in this verse, and began to blush, when suddenly, an echo from heaven exclaimed the names of the articles on which this sum was spent. Moses was greatly relieved. Hence we have this exclamatory "neginah" or chanting sin.

## PROFESSOR MOSES JUNG TO LECTURE MONDAY NIGHT

Topic: Family Relations and Marriage in the Light of Orthodox Judaism



Samuel Silver

Mr. Samuel Silver, Chairman of the Seder Committee announces that although the committee encountered many difficulties it has succeeded in making tentative arrangements for a public Seder to accommodate about 200. All details will be announced in the coming issue of the Review.

### APPEAL FOR YESHIVOS

Last Shabbos an appeal was made for funds to support Yeshivos of the world. We ask all who have pledged to please send their contributions as soon as they can, so that we may be able to transmit the money before Passover. Those who were not present at the appeal are urged to mail us their contributions. Names of contributors will be announced.

### A REFRESHER COURSE

On Wednesday nights at 9 o'clock Rabbi Singer will give a class in the Laws of Passover and the procedure of conducting a Seder. Although you may be familiar with the general laws of the Seder night it will be worth your while to attend this class and refresh your memory as to all the details and customs.

### BLUE N' WHITE

All young people are invited to the Blue N' White dance, featuring Stu Solomon's Band, which will be held on Saturday night, March 9th.

### RABBI LIFSCHITZ

is seeking a 4 or 5 room apartment. Please call Synagogue office.

This Monday night our guest speaker will be Professor Jung. Prof. Jung is a graduate of University of London, Berlin and Cambridge. He was a member of the Faculty of the Universities of Illinois and Iowa, and is at present teaching courses in the field of Living Religions in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at NYU. We are sure that Prof. Jung will deliver an interesting lecture on the topic in which he is regarded as an expert. The lecture will be preceded by Rabbi Goldstein's discussion on "What Is (Orthodox) Judaism?"

## BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST JWV #297

Commander Leonard Feinstein announces that the Buddy Friedman Post will hold its next meeting on Wednesday night, March 13 at 8:30. All veterans are invited to attend.

### PURIM PARTY

The time is growing short for reservations for the Purim Party which will be held in our Synagogue on Saturday evening, March 16th sponsored by the Women's League and the Men's Club. Subscription is \$2.50 per person. An evening of Purim entertainment and fun awaits all. Make your reservations not later than Monday, March 11th.

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Open Meeting March 11th

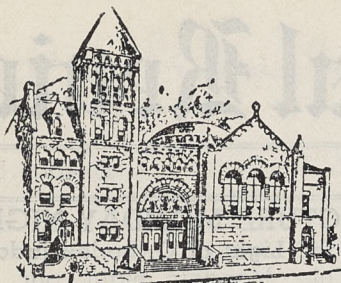
Interesting Guest Speaker

All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend the Open Meeting of our Women's League which is to be held at our building on Monday afternoon, Mar. 11th at one o'clock.

The intensely interesting and fascinating Selma Burnet Snyder will review "Memoirs of My People" by Leo W. Schwarz.

A genuine treat is in store for all who attend.

At the Social Hour which will precede the meeting, the Hostesses will be Mesdames Saul Bergman, Morris Levinson, Benjamin Spanbock and Irvin E. Stebbins.



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## DRIVES AND DRIVES

Our country is steeped in a materialistic drive that may end, God forbid in an inflation balloon. What we need today is a religious revival. We have labor, capital and the consumer. The interests of the three as a unit are paramount in order to make America spiritually as well as materially happy.

People are afraid of poverty or illness, but are not worried so much about their spiritual welfare. "Would that our spiritual welfare concern us at least as much as do our material interests," cried out one of our Rabbis in the Talmud.

The Bible speaks of one drive for religious purposes, that not only went over the top, but went far beyond it. So much so that we read in Exodus 36:6 "that the people had to be restrained from giving." Drives for physical relief succeed because subconsciously we fear lest we might need same, and our giving is to serve as a charm against such a need for ourselves.

How about drives for religious purposes? Do they go over the top? — Our answer to this question, is a barometer of our spiritual health?



## 243rd COMMANDMENT To Love One's Neighbor As Oneself

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein  
II

This commandment, if observed, would be the greatest means of promoting and preserving peace in the world. This is one of Judaism's greatest contributions to civilization. Unfortunately, both our Christians and our Jewish brethren do not realize or appreciate that this commandment stems from the Hebrew scriptures and was not originally expressed in the New Testament. The Testament mentions it without giving credit to our Holy Bible. Even such a great thinker as John Stuart Mills expressed his surprise that, "Love

"AS  
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thy neighbor as thyself" came from the Pentateuch."

Not only does this commandment refer to individuals but it is also used for international merit, as we find Judah the pious who said, "On Judgment Day, the Holy One, Blessed Be He will call the nations to account for every violation of the commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." They have been guilty in their dealings with one another.

The Rabbis point out that this commandment is the best insurance for safety and peace because no one will be harmed physically or materially or mentally by its observance. On the contrary everyone will be helped. They say that one should only speak of the good that he can say of his neighbor; the way he would want his neighbor to speak of him. He should not be glad because of his shame as the Rabbis say; "one who rejoices in another man's disgrace or shame has no portion in the world to come." However, one who rejoices in another man's good, in his promotion, in his advancement, concerning him, G-d says through the Prophet Isaiah, "I will glorify, I will be proud of you, sayeth G-d."

**An Interfaith Conference On The Moral Law In Industrial Relations sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches, National Catholic Welfare and Synagogue Council of America at Hotel St. George at which greetings were delivered by Bishop Oxnam, Father McGowan and Rabbi Goldstein.**

## SYMPOSIUM

Rabbi Goldstein:

"It is my duty I take it to present what is in large measure Judaism's approach to Industrial Relations.

I must say at the outset that the Jewish approach is a detailed legalistic one. That is in my judgment the Jewish contribution to Civilization. Our's is not content with mere statements of General Laws and Platitudes as for instance when we say Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself, we have a host of detailed Laws indicating how this general rule laid down in the Book of Leviticus is to be lived and implemented. In regard to industrial relations,—Judaism does not postulate Individualism on the one side, where the individual can get richer and richer, where the puny hand of a grandchild of a Rockefeller can control more land

than a good fraction of the people of a community, and on the other hand it does not advocate a Socialism, where the wealth is to be equally distributed. Judaism presents a Divine arbitration between Individualism and Socialism, as is evidenced by the Laws of the Jubilee, where every 50 years, there has to be a redistribution of landed wealth so that not more than one full generation can pass, without the State being in deed, and in fact, as it was in the Hebrew polity,—a Commonwealth. Let me say here with Emile de Laveleye, "There is in human affairs one order which is the best. That order is not always the one which exists, but is the order which should exist, for the greatest good of humanity. G-d knows it and wills it, man's duty is to discover and establish it."

What I believe we need is to make the general platitude of Religion apply in detail. It would be well if the religious forces could over a number of years evolve a religious Code of Law giving as far as possible the detailed relationships between employer and employee as they emanate from our religious teachings. (cont. next pg.)

We read in Deuteronomy "Justice, Justice shalt thou pursue." Why the repetition of the word Justice. We homileticians generally explain it to mean, that if you want to attain Justice, it should not be by hook or crook, that the end, should not justify the means, but that Justice must be attained through just measures. The Palestinian Talmud, commenting upon the repetition of the word Justice says we are to be just to Gentile as well as to Jew. This I believe is one aspect of the Moral Law in industrial relations. We should seek not Tolerance but Justice for all, white, black, Jew or Gentile alike. The Psalmist exclaimed, "Behold how good and how beautiful it is for brethren to dwell together in harmony." Where there is no harmony, there is a dispute, and where there is a dispute, there are courts that prevent violence. Out of this gathering let us call for harmony in industrial relations and where harmony is broken and disputes arise, let us ask for the creation of courts with **power** to settle industrial disputes and not witness a repetition of the awful spectacle of strikes.

*Since Rabbi Goldstein's call for Courts to pass upon Labor disputes, Judge Knox has made a similar suggestion last week.*

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Friday Lighting Candles .....5:37  
Mincha .....5:40  
Saturday morning .....9:00  
Jr. Congregation .....10:00  
Mesibas Shabbos .....1:30  
Jr. B'Nos groups .....3:30  
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class .....4:30  
Rabbi Singer's Class .....4:30  
Mr. Isaac Allen's Class .....4:30  
Mincha .....5:30  
Sabbath terminates .....6:28  
Sunday morning .....6:45, 8:45  
Thursday morning  
(Taanis Esther) .....6:30, 7:45, 8:15  
DAILY SERVICES  
Mornings .....6:45, 8:00, 8:30  
Mincha .....5:45  
Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch  
by Rabbi Goldstein.

#### YOUTH AFTERNOON SERVICES

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#### CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Last Saturday an occurrence took place in our Synagogue that demonstrated beyond question the feelings of loyalty in the hearts of our congregants.

Rabbi Goldstein made an appeal for funds on behalf of the institutions of higher learning located throughout the world, including such far-flung corners of the earth as China, and Siberia. The response was so immediate and so generous that it would have made you feel proud and happy.

Our people felt the urge to aid the spirit of Israel to survive by contributing toward the maintenance of those young men who are devoting their lives to the study of the Torah.

I am convinced that you too, our readers, will want to share in the privilege of contributing to this great cause. All of you have no doubt been asked to support our starving brethren in Europe and in other parts of the world, but this appeal aims at keeping alive the very spirit which makes life itself more worth-while.

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## GETTING PERSONAL

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARDS to Congressman Sol Bloom, upon his 76th celebration, to 2nd Vice Pres. Max E. Sanders, Mrs. Emanuel Blumenthal, Morton S. Cohen, Mrs. Ike Holschutz, Mrs. Morris Jablow, Barbara Lucile Kaplan, Michael Alan Bayer, Harriet Silverstein, Raphael Yavneh, and Samuel Maurice Ward. . . . WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS to our Director and Mrs. Moe Oltarsh, Secretary and Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Messing, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin. . . . Would you believe that Roy does not miss any of Rabbi Singer's weekly Tuesday afternoon Yiddish broadcasts over WEVD? . . . Bryna Ruth Kass became President of DE Phillips House at NYU. Congratulations. She gets a special congratulations for changing the time of the House's meetings from Friday nights to Thursday. Where there is a will there is a way. . . . Good luck to our member Nathan E. Chase upon his taking over the Nassau Hotel in Long Beach rooms only are rented. . . . Welcome back from sunny south to M. Weitzman and Emanuel Fine. . . . Glad to see at Synagogue in the Women's section Mrs. Anna Eisenberg, Mrs. Gustave Roth, Mrs. Segalowitz, Mrs. Jules and Mrs. Marilyn Mirken Cohen. How is Married life? . . . It is good to see Bernard Levmore in civies. . . . We had at the Synagogue some prominent guests among them were Rabbi Gefen of Atlanta, Georgia and Peter Bergson, President and organizer of the Hebrew Committee for Liberation. . . . Our Mesibas Shabbos group on Saturday afternoons is now under the supervision of the Misses Bernice Jacobowitz, Suzan Stern and Sonja Prochnick. . . . and our Junior Bnos groups are flourishing under the leadership of Miss Irma Friedman. . . . Stanley Strauss did a fine job reading the Torah last Shabbos afternoon at Youth Services. . . . Welcome home to Cpl. Simeon H. F. Goldstein who is back from the Service. . . . Thanks to Mr. Isaac Allen for volunteering to teach a class in Talmud for the boys in our Synagogue. . . . Congratulations to Tillie Lewton upon her admission into the Aristan Society of Julian Richman High School.

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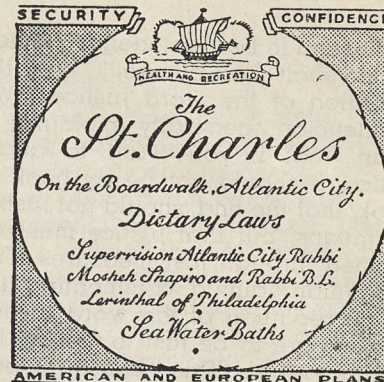
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