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Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Disobedience

1. "AND THE L-D SPOKE TO MOSES AFTER THE DEATH OF THE TWO SONS OF AARON, WHEN THEY OFFERED BEFORE THE L-D AND THEY DIED." The Rabbis compare this procedure to that of a physician, who not only prescribes for his patients but who also shows them examples of people who have attained the desired results by following his prescriptions. Thus Aaron is ordered to refrain from coming into the Holy of Holies except on the Day of Atonement, and the terrifying example of his sons who went in and did not return alive is given as an illustration of what may happen because of disobedience.

Gold

4. "HE SHALL PUT ON THE HOLY COAT OF LINEN, ETC." Yom-Kippur, when Aaron was to enter the Holy of Holies to effect atonement for the failings of Israel, he was not to don his usual pontifical garments. Since these garments had a large admixture of gold in them, it was not proper to wear them on this very sacred occasion for they might serve as a reminder of the golden calf. The Rabbis in the Talmud, in Rosh Hashonah 26a, say,

אין קמינור נעשה כניגור

"the accuser, (the gold being reminiscent of the sin of the golden calf), must not be made an advocate (therefore the High-Priest may not enter the Holy of Holies, with gold embroidered garments on the Day of Atonement.)"

Cantorate

6. "AND AARON SHALL MAKE AN ATONEMENT FOR HIMSELF, AND FOR HIS HOUSE." The Rabbis understand his "atonement" to mean the confession of his sins and asking for forgiveness. They say that before anybody prays for the forgiveness of another, he should first repent for his own feelings. The Rabbis have therefore insisted that he who is the reader of the congregational prayer should himself be re-

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PLANS UNDER WAY FOR MORRIS LEVINE RECEPTION

We are delighted to report that Ads are beginning to flow into the Synagogue office to fill our Souvenir Album which will be dedicated to our beloved director, Mr. Morris Levine and presented to him on Sunday evening, June 9, 1946 — the Synagogue's Annual Reception.



Julius Bayer

Our director, Mr. Julius Bayer, who has served the Synagogue so well since he joined our ranks is once more accomplishing an outstanding piece of work and is leading in securing ads. He is certainly helping our Chairman Moe Oltarsh. Let us all do likewise and make this year's Album the biggest ever.

REPORT ON SCHOOL'S MODEL SEDORIM

At tables beautifully decorated with flowers, Elijah goblets and a rich variety of Passover food, the students of the Talmud Torah ushered in the Passover festival. Mr. Simon Konovitch acted as master of ceremonies. Miss Shurin and Miss Travis led in the singing. Rabbi Lifschitz gave an inspiring report of his experiences in arranging for Sedorim at Naval stations ashore and afloat during his Naval chaplaincy.

The following children participated in the program.

CLASS 3A

Akiba Stein, Sarah Leah Bloch, Aryeh Binder, Samuel Hart, Gershon Sommerfeld, Nechamiah Seriskey.

CLASS 2A

Ruth Fisher, Marilyn Kaftal, Ellen Ringel, Roberta Rappaport, Reginald Werner, Eliot Wohl.

CLASS 6A

Donald Bergman, Ann Hirsch, Rene Kaufman, Martin Samuels.

CLASS 5A

Arthur Rosett, Aaron Tomares.

BAR MITZVAH OF



BERTRAM JAY RUSSEK

Our congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Russek upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Bertram which will be held in our Synagogue this Saturday.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER YOUTH SABBATH SERMON CONTEST

In order to still enable some ambitious young men to enter the Youth Sabbath Sermon Contest we have moved up the deadline to Sunday morning, April 28th.

Follow these simple rules:

1. Write an original sermon.
2. Deliver it no later than Sunday A.M. April 28th.
3. It should be typed and unsigned, accompanied by a sealed envelope containing your name.

CLUB NOTES

Blu 'N White program plans for the Sephira interlude will stress cultural activities. For Saturday night, April 20, plans have been completed for a panel and forum discussion on the Indonesian case for independence. For a subsequent week, the presentation of a comedy sketch is contemplated. After Shevuoth, the club plans on holding a dance as the season finale.

The Hatzeirem will attend a radio broadcast of the program "Shoot the Works" at Station WMCA this Saturday night.

JR. H.S.—Murray Yavneh, Jay Ball, Martin Sage.

H.S. 1

Simon Dresner, Rosalyn Freides, Else Oelberger, Joseph Padawer, Michael Silberman, Rena Tomares.

H.S. 2

H.S. 2—Henry Maringer, Samuel Ward, Jack Wohl.



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THE "DAILY NEWS"

DOES IT AGAIN

On the morning preceding Passover, the "Daily News" featured an illustrated story of the Jewish Passover and the approaching non-Jewish Easter. It printed beautiful and inspiring pictures of Protestant and Catholic Easter services and down in the right-hand corner featured a group of poorly clad and humble East Side Jews at a poorly appointed table "preparing to usher in the festival of Jewish freedom." This is just another instance of the Daily News steady line aiming at social cleavages and unpleasant comparisons among the faiths in our great City. It is certainly not a sportsmanlike thing to do and despite its featuring three faiths, the sinister intentions of its editorial staff becomes very evident.

The "News" has been intent upon confusing and dividing the American public. Today, in the aftermath of war, when America seeks a greater unity among all its people, the "News" continues its diabolical and reactionary line. One sees no reason for freedom-loving people assisting such an organ to maintain its wide circulation.

E.L.L.



248TH COMMANDMENT

"Ye Shall Not Eat With The Blood"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

II

The following negative precepts are included under the heading of our commandment: (1) We are not to eat of an animal when it is in the throes of death, (See Talmud Sanhedrin 63a); it is brutal and savage-like; (2) We are not to eat of the Holy Sacrifices until the blood is sprinkled upon the altar. (3) We are not to bring the mourning meal to the relatives of those who receive capital punishment by the court. (4) When the Sanhedrin judged a murderer to death, they were to abstain from food on the day when someone was executed by virtue of their decision, (See Sanhedrin 10b).

"AS
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IT"

OPEN YOUR HEARTS!

OPEN YOUR HOMES!

For the first time in five years, we have observed a peaceful Passover. For that we give thanks with all our hearts.

But here in New York City where we have the largest and most fortunate Jewish population in the world today, here in New York City where we were spared bombings and pogroms, 150 Jewish children have not been able to partake of a Passover celebration because they are homeless. Homeless because of some misfortune in their families—death, illness, or separation of parents.

To a homeless child, it matters little that the city in which he lives is secure and intact. So long as his home is broken, so long as he is without the loving care of a family, he is shaken and afraid.

On us American Jews rests a great responsibility for Jewish children. Jews all over the world — those who have survived the great-

(5) We may not eat in the morning before saying our prayers, (See Talmud Berachos 10b).

The purpose of this commandment is to show that most of our sins come from too much eating or too much drinking or as we read in the Bible, "when Jeshurun (Israel) waxed fat, it kicked," (Deut. 32, verse 15). It had grown fat, like an ox grown intractable through good feeding; refusing to bear the yoke of the master. Prosperity as a rule breaks all yokes and disciplines. Thus did King Solomon say, "Neither poverty nor riches give unto me . . . lest I come to deny Thee and say, "Who is the L-d", or lest I become poor and steal and trespass against the name of my G-D". (Book of Proverbs, Chapter 30, Verses 8 and 9). Thus the Rabbis strongly prohibit the partaking of any food without offering a prayer therefor. The sin of Sodom and Gemorah is attributed by Job to excessive well-being and to an abundance of luxuries. See Job, Chapter 21, verses 7 to 17 and Chapter 28, verses 4 to 9). So also did Ezekiel say in Chapter 16, verse 49, "Behold, abundance of food, and prosperous security were hers and her daughters (dependencies) of the poor and needy she did not strengthen.

est massacre of modern times — look to us as the custodians and rebuilders of Jewish religion and culture. How shall we demonstrate this great trust that has been put upon us? What better place to begin this heroic and rewarding job than right here in our own city?

"Foster Homes for Jewish Children" caring agencies of Federation, appeals to us to open our homes to these children. The children range in age from 10 days to 16 years. Some need care for several months, some, for years. The agencies pay foster families for the care of the child and assume responsibility for the medical and clothing needs of the child.

We urge you to look into this. This is an opportunity not only for a good deed, but for the personal satisfaction and pride that comes in seeing a child grow strong and whole. For details, get in touch with "Foster Homes for Jewish Children", Federation, 71 West 47th Street, New York City, BRyant 9-3961.

Do this now! Tell your friends!

THE UNITY OF THE SOUL

By Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman

A basic problem with every individual is the integration of his personality. The soul that is split is both unhappy and dangerous. When a man finds himself torn between opposing forces within him and proves unable to resolve the conflict, his own existence is cursed, and his presence in society brings irritation and sorrow. Only he who can introduce at least a minimum of harmony among the sundry yearnings of his spirit can qualify as a man of worth, only he can carry the world.

Among all the peoples that have longed for unity in this world Israel stands supreme. Its very cry of "Shema" is the affirmation that the glory of all being is to be sought in oneness.

The Hebrew conscience could not conceive of the world as one thing and its spirit as another. Sinai represents a conviction that the first is permeated by the second.

The single person is but the culmination of this process. He is descended from the whole world, he is a son of his people. He is a tiny segment of the vast world, and of the same stuff. Its strength lies in oneness, so too does his. He may not seize upon truth and have it make war against beauty, lest thereby he detract from truth. He may not glorify beauty as superior to truth lest he scar the face of beauty. The ideals that Isaiah preached are couched in language that is superlative; we study in parallel, the loveliness of the Parthenon, whose lesson in balance of elements is an enduring truth.

The Mitzvoth of the Torah were given to bring about such unity. Through the contact of truth they work upon the substance of things to fashion them into objects of beauty. The Mitzvoth, in other words, rescue the spirit from a vague existence and make it the power of the flesh, at the same time transforming the flesh from brute reality into tangible nobility. Whoever abandons their practice becomes either an insane dreamer or a perishable clod.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Today is the 10th day of the Omer
Light Candles Friday Evening 6:38
Weekly Portion "Achray Moss"
Prayer for the New Moon
Rosh Chodesh Iyar—Wed. & Thurs.
Friday Evening Service6:30
Saturday Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:00
Rabbi Lifschitz's Class5:40
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class5:40
Mincha6:40
Sabbath Terminates7:20
Sun. morning Service 6:45, 8:00, 8:45
Mincha7:40
Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch
by Rabbi Goldstein.

Sedrah of the Week

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ligiously pure. It is inconceivable that one should lead the congregation in prayers, and himself be destitute of repentance. Jewry, always had as its reader or cantors those who were exemplars of moral and religious conduct. In recent times Jewry has unfortunately lowered its standards and Synagogue services have in many instances become a heartless and soulless presentation of musical art.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

The appalling and tragic killing of millions of Jews in Europe by the brutal and ruthless Nazis, has resulted in complete disruption of the great institutions of learning formerly located in Europe.

All of us who are interested in this problem realize that it is the solemn duty of the Jews in this beloved land to do everything humanly possible to promote the religious training of our youth in order to increase the number and quality of future leaders in Israel.

A manifestation of the modest contribution in this field by the WSIS will be witnessed on Youth Sabbath, Saturday, May 4th, 1946.

You, our readers, are earnestly invited to attend and see our boys conduct the entire service, read the Torah, deliver the sermon, and occupy the offices of President, Vice-President and Gabbai. You will enjoy the demonstration and will realize that with hard work and persistent effort we can in time lay a foundation for a brighter future for Judaism. A large attendance will show your interest and will encourage the young people.

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Getting Personal

To Director George L. Livingston, former editor of this bulletin, we extend our heartfelt good wishes on his recent birthday. May you be with us for a long time George. . . Temple Beth El of Detroit (Reformed) quotes Rabbi Goldstein's "The Voice of Prayer" in its weekly bulletin. . . . Were happy to see Lt. Jerome Weiss (MC) AUS at Services prior to going South for his next duty as one of Uncle Sam's Medical Officers. . . . Were happy to see Director Maurice Greenstein receive a Mitzvah on the first day of Yomtov. You should have seen the expression of joy on the face of his wife Leah, president of our Women's League. . . . Happy birthday to Mrs. Max E. Sanders. . . . Were happy to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin and son Herbert in Shule. You had quite a hike folks. . . . The beaming countenance of Director Harry Appel brightened up the Shule. . . . Life Member M. J. Sydney who was with us during the Holidays is planning a visit to the Holy Land. . . . We regret not to have known of Mrs. Samuel K. Beier's recent illness and are happy for her recovery. Folks we are no soothsayers. Please keep us informed of events. . . . The Congregational Sedorim were a grand experience for all who participated. Little Leiba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Amin and little Lillian daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pruzan asked the "Fir Kashes." L'Shona Ha-bah B'Yerushalayim. . . . Our ever young Levi Hersfeld is a Trustee in the newly erected Lebanon Hospital to be dedicated this Sunday. . . . Our heartfelt Mazeltov to the following young couples who recently married in our Shule: Lila Hirt to Eugene Reback, Joyce Salzman to Sidney Berger, Vivienne Bromfield to Jack Levine. . . . Sincere thanks to our good friend Isidore Lauer who so beautifully led the singing at our second Congregational Seder. . . . Glad to see Mr. Jack A. Rothenstein back from his professional tour of the States. . . . Glad to see you Al Joffe.

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