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Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Sabbatical Year

2. "THEN SHALL THE LAND KEEP A SABBATH UNTO THE L-D." Observance of the שמיטה "The Sabbatical Year" whilst other peoples were sowing, ploughing and harvesting, was surely an evidence of Israel's faith in G-d, and in His Providence. The Midrash says, "Is there a greater hero than this one", —the observant Israelite? This might also be said of our Sabbath observers today, who know that their competitors are doing business, whilst they are at home and in the synagogue.

In a year of general cessation from regular work the Jewish farmer would be able to cultivate his mind, broaden his vision and purify his heart with fear and love of G-d. This did away with an ignorant peasantry. There are many today in the teaching profession, who keep a sabbatical year. They give up their regular routine work, and usually travel, coming back as a rule with a broadened mental outlook.

Jubilee

10. "AND YE SHALL HALLOW THE FIFTIETH YEAR, AND PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THE LAND AND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF: IT SHALL BE A JUBILEE UNTO YOU; AND YE SHALL RETURN, EVERY MAN UNTO HIS POSSESSION, AND YE SHALL RETURN EVERY MAN UNTO HIS FAMILY." We make a grievous mistake when we narrow our religion down, and confine it largely to the synagogue and ritual.

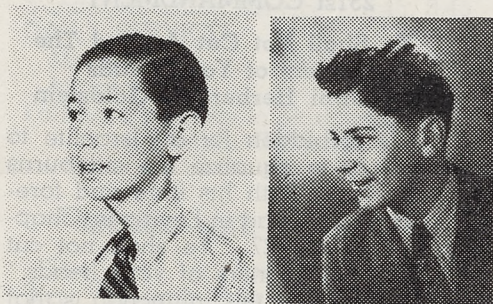
In his lecture at Yale, Professor William W. Andrews, discussing the Social Question and the State, said, "In the constitution of the Hebrew Commonwealth, which, of all, in ancient and modern times is the best ideal of a state."

Let me say here with Emile de Laveleye, "There is in human affairs one order which 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."

SOUVENIR ALBUM DRIVE ENTERS FINAL WEEK

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BAR MITZVAH



Simon Dresner

Max Pruzan

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Dresner and to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pruzan upon the Bar Mitzva of their respective children, Simon and Max which will take place in our synagogue tomorrow morning.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Important Meeting
Hour Changed to 2 P. M.

A meeting of the Women's League and Session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class will be held on Monday afternoon, May 20th at TWO o'clock sharp. Vital suggestions for the future program of the Women's League are to be discussed at this meeting. It is urged therefore, that all the members of the Women's League be present.

A unique Social Hour will follow the meeting. Please bring a can of food with you for our starving brethren overseas.

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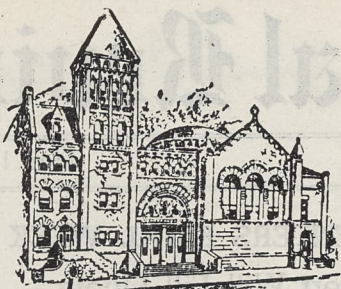
Announce your U. J. A. pledge through our synagogue.

As the drive for our Souvenir Album in honor of director Morris Levine enters its final week, reports indicate that we are still far short of our anticipated goal. It therefore remains for you who have the WSIS at heart to redouble your efforts in securing complimentary advertisements and greetings. We will succeed if you will do your share. First, submit your personal greeting. Secondly, get an ad from your friends or business associates.

NEIGHBORHOOD LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION

Lag B'Omer which falls this year on May 19th, will be jointly celebrated by the students of the five orthodox religious schools in the community. An all day outing will be held at Valley Stream State Park and special buses have been chartered to take the students to and from their individual schools. Upon arrival at the State Park, the students will compete in athletic tournaments, contests, games and sports. Refreshments will be served and a grand time is assured to all who attend. School banners, prizes and medals will be awarded to the winning schools and individual contestants. This community-wide project is sponsored by the recently organized committee on orthodox Jewish education of the West Side under the chairmanship of Jacob Kaplan and is the first in a series of intensive drives to generate an "esprit de corps" among the students of orthodox schools as well as to enlarge the present student registration in our local Talmud Torahs.

All the students of the WSIS are urged to attend. Each student is requested to invite one or more friends not attending a religious school.



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MAKING MISTAKES

Many of us are making three mistakes at once. We are harming our health, hurting our appearance or "form", and — most important — are denying innocent children (in other lands) the bread needed to keep them alive and growing. We are doing all these, thru our heavy consumption of foods containing wheat flour and fats.

We have to eat! Of course! But, by consuming gravies, cream sauces, pastries, and that extra slice of bread, we harm ourselves and irreparably damage other human beings — all for a few moments' enjoyment. By shifting from rich foods to fresh fruits, vegetables, poultry, fish and eggs, we will benefit ourselves and play fair with the unfortunate people of Asia and Europe.

Men and women of all walks of life are participating in our country's Food Conservation Program — join them.

If you feel that it is others who need this advice, and that you may continue the same old food habits as heretofore, then little children abroad will continue to cry, "Mommy, I'm hungry", and their mothers won't be able help them!

S. H. F.G.



251st COMMANDMENT

"Ye Shall Not Cut Around The Corners of Your Heads

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

It is forbidden for an Israelite to shave or to equalize the sideburns of his head with his ears and forehead, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 27, "Ye shall not cut around the corners of your heads." The reason for this injunction is that it is a custom connected with heathen worship and is "forbidden, as unbecoming the dignity of G-d's peo-

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SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF JEWISH EDUCATION

By Rabbi Uri Miller

I have before me a quotation, "Education is the cheapest defense of the nations." My immediate reaction is that, irrespective of its cheapness, it is certainly a vital defense line and that this applies with greatest of pertinency to the Jewish people. The success of Jewish education in the next several decades will determine the survival of the American Jewish community as a dignified and integrated historically-conscious community.

It may be well to point out that the reaction of interested Jews to this problem is to solve it in two ways: (1), By establishing funds and raising money. (2), By creating imposing fact-finding, name-becrowned organizations. On paper, both seem very impressive and the solution imminent. To one with practical experience in the field of Jewish education, neither of these methods touch upon the real problem.

The "problem" of Jewish education in America is primarily caused by its status as a **second-class interest divorced from actual living experience.** Hence such a small proportion of children attend. Hence the problems of irregular and short-lived

ple and incompatible with loyalty to a G-d of holiness". It is to do away with any vestige of idolatrous practice. Also in conformity with this prohibition against the forms of idolatry, we are forbidden to shave off all the hair from our heads. Both the barber and the one who is shaved, transgress this commandment.

This commandment refers only to the corners of the head. One is permitted however, to use a scissors or a machine or depilatory or an electric machine, but one is not allowed to destroy the corners of the head with a razor or any similar means. This law pertains to all places and all times and is pertinent to males and not to females. However, they many not shave any males.

Forty hairs are the least amount that must remain upon the corners of the head in order that this commandment may not be broken. If one shaved off both his sideburns, and if he is warned by two witnesses, he receives stripes twice.

attendance and discipline. All of these have been improved by the devoted efforts of American Jewish educators, yet the results continue meager indeed. None of these makes of Jewish education a **first-class** interest in the minds of the child and parent, and none of these relate Jewish education with actual living experience.

An interesting point is the fact that in many communities only one or two children succeed in their Jewish education. This success is not dependent on the school they attend, nor on the teacher, method, etc. The common denominator in practically every instance is the home. An intensely Jewish home background makes of Jewish education a first-class interest and brings successful results even to an inferior Hebrew Schol.

This, too, accounts for the success of the all-day Jewish school. Therein Jewish education is a first-class interest, and environment and activity can be created to relate it to the child's life.

It seems, therefore, that if we are to solve this problem, of making Jewish education vital and meaningful, we must direct our best efforts to it. Our very best talents our greatest efforts must be expended in its successful solution.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

The second meeting of the recently reorganized Adelphi Society, an organization of aggressive young people, will take place this Sunday evening May 19th at 8:00 o'clock. A gala evening of fun and entertainment is in the offing. Dancing will precede and follow the meeting.

613 CLUB PICNIC

The 613 Club invites all young people between the ages of 21-35 to their Lag B'Omer picnic, this Sunday.

The entire group is to meet at the 168th St. Bus Terminal at 11:00 A.M. The group will then go to Tallman by bus.

Everyone should bring their own food. Facilities are available for open air cooking.

In the evening the entire group will return to the Synagogue where a recorded concert will be held.

HASHOMER HADATI ORGANIZED

A new group of young orthodox boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 15 has been organized in our synagogue and had its first weekly get-together last Saturday afternoon. The Hashomer Hadati devotes its meetings to discussions on Palestine, singing of Hebrew songs and Oneg Shabbat programs. All boys and girls of the above ages are invited to attend the next meeting which takes place tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock.



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Today is the 31st day of the Omer
Light Candles Friday Evening 7:50
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Sunday Lag B'Omer

Friday Evening Service6:30
Saturday Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:00
Rabbi Lifschitz's Class7:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class7:00
Mincha8:00
Sabbath Terminates8:38
Sunday morning Service6:45, 8:45

DAILY SERVICES

Morning6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha7:50
Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch
by Rabbi Goldstein

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

The next meeting of the Jewish War Veteran's Post No. 297 will be held on Wednesday evening, May 22nd at 8:30 o'clock. Dr. Sidney B. Honig, a member of our Laymen's Institute faculty, will address the meeting on the subject, "Peace and War in the Jewish Tradition."

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

One of our members came in this week, turned over to me several advertisements for the Souvenir Album, and added the following comments, which I think worthy of repetition.

"I think that this fund-raising project is one of the best you have in your institution. There are three reasons for that conclusion. 1) The proceeds from the Souvenir Album will be used for the varied and useful activities you are conducting. 2) the presentation of this Souvenir Album to Morris Levine will do honor to a man who has devoted himself unselfishly to the work of the WSIS for many years, and certainly deserves the recognition accorded to him. 3) The Souvenir Album affords all of us an opportunity to show our sympathy with the work of this institution, and be counted present, whether we give much or little. Each one of us can insert an advertisement according to his ability, and whatever is donated is greatly appreciated.

May I urge upon you, our readers, to give careful thought to this utterance. I am confident that you know how essential our educational and social work is, and how much we need your co-operation.

Getting Personal

... Director Gus Rubenstein is making real the idea of 'one little world'. He flew in from Europe. . . . Another of our trans-oceanic commuters is Alex Pruzan who flew in to be at his son Max's Bar-Mitzvah tomorrow morning in our Shule. . . . Soon it will be breakfast in New York and tea in London. . . . Welcome home to Morton Fuchs and Stephen Wagner; both saw extensive overseas duty. . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Louis Herman, who is convalescing at his home in the Ansonia. . . . Many thanks to our own Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein for their donation of prayer books in honor of mother's day. . . . Ditto to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine. . . . Dr. and Mrs. Raphael Meisels have been blessed with a second daughter, Toni R. . . . Girls are in the running these days. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Feder (nee Ethel Grumer, one of the most popular teachers in our religious school) are the proud parents of little Tova. Mit Mazol. . . . Birthday greetings to Samuel Diamond and to Benjamin Spanbock. . . . Were indeed happy to see and hear Abraham Emanuel Wallach recite the Hagomel prayer at the Torah last Saturday morning. He is related to our Director Bernard Lax, and has just arrived in this country 'aus Europe'. . . . Honorable mention goes to Lawrence Rubin and Gerard Grant for excellent work on behalf of our Talmud Torah's Pikuach Nefesh Society. . . . Mrs. William Horwitz helped Mrs. Annie R. Morris with clerical work in our office. Volunteers are always welcome. . . . Happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Cohen. Here's hoping the Men's Club project for the improvement of the building will be completed by your next. That will make Al happy. . . .

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Friedman. . . . Rabbi Goldstein was named as one of four judges of the United Church Canvas to select the cities to receive the national awards for church and synagogue canvasses conducted during the year of 1945. The winning city was Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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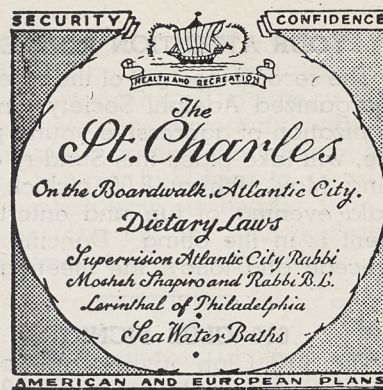
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