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## Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

### Religion and Wealth

4. "THEN I WILL GIVE YOU RAIN IN DUE SEASON, AND THE LAND SHALL YIELD HER INCREASE, ETC." The Rabbis say in Talmud Taanis 22b that "in due season" means on Friday nights when the people stay at home and are not inconvenienced by the downpour of the rain. To be sure there are people who are irreligious and yet are rich in material goods, but it seems to me as if our verse here indicates, that this wealth has been acquired as a result of great effort and many inconveniences, and without that invaluable boon of soul satisfaction and mental peace. On the other hand, he who observes G-d's commandments and is consequently blessed by the Almighty with wealth, enjoys the Sabbath, the Holidays and the spiritual things in life while he is amassing his fortune.

### Pharisees

15. "IF YOU ABHOR MY JUDGMENTS." The Rabbis say that this is followed in turn by a hatred toward the תלמידי חכמים "the sages", those who expound the Law". So honorable and pure a man as Rabban Gamliel, has his name degraded, and linked derogatively with the Pharisees. The Pharisees, contrary to the sinful connotation associated with their name in the New Testament were those who (as their name פרושים "Pharisees", "separated ones" indicates) separated themselves not only from anything that was unclean, but from anything doubtful. They expounded the law and urged all to be law-abiding. These Pharisees are our ancestors. They were the real custodians of the Torah and helped to hand it down to us intact. See the account of that learned Christian, Herford, on the true meaning of Pharisaism, in his outstanding work called "Pharisaism".

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE SPRING PROJECT



Mrs. Harry Ward, Chairman

Cooperating with Mrs. Harry Ward the Chairman of our "Day In The Country" project, in planning a most delightful and enjoyable function are: Miss Bessie Abrams, Mesdames Allen Fox, Samuel Greenman, Leopold Hirsch, William Horwitz, Jules Shaftan and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein Ex-Officio.

The spacious grounds of the beautiful Padawer Estate at Rye on the Sound, as well as the extensive facilities of the adjacent Zuckerman Estate, have been put at our disposal for Wednesday, June 12th. At 10:00 A. M., busses and private cars will leave from the Synagogue.

The Subscription price of \$5.00 per person includes transportation, lunch, games, Mah Jong and swimming.

Phone Mrs. Harry Ward TR 7-7328 at once, if you and your friends wish to be included in our party.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE HOSTESSES AT SHEVUOUS GATHERING

### Palestine Sound Film To Be Presented

On Tuesday afternoon, May 28th, at two o'clock, the Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue will be hostesses to the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations at a Shevuos Gathering, to be held at our building.

The Program will include a sound film of recent developments in Palestine and a talk by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz.

Mrs. Leopold Hirsch is Chairman of the Social Hour which will follow the meeting.

## TIME IS DRAWING CLOSER FOR OUR SOUVENIR ALBUM

### Have You Inserted Your Ad?

The Souvenir Album to be presented at the Reception on Sunday evening, June 9, 1946, to our director, Mr. Morris Levine, goes to press soon.

Mr. Moe Oltarsh, Chairman of the Souvenir Album Committee, urges all who have not yet sent in greetings or ads to remember that TIME — and a printer's deadline wait for no man!

If you plan to have your name included among the hosts of Mr. Levine's friends DO IT NOW and help swell this volume symbolizing our gratitude and appreciation to Morris Levine's indefatigable service and devotion to the WSIS. Ad insertions range from \$10 for 1/16 of a page to \$100 for a full page. A handsomely decorated Peace Page is priced at \$200.

Ads may be placed by telephoning the office — TR 7-8281 or by using the Forms mailed to you. Too few days are left to say TOMORROW. DO IT TODAY.

### U.J.A. APPEAL

Submit your intended UJA contribution through our Synagogue. Appeal will be made second day of Shevuos, June 6th.

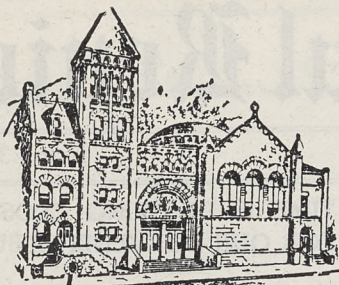
### BAR MITZVAH



Murray Yavneh

Our heartiest congratulations to Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Murray in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

The Cantor and his wife invite the whole Congregation to attend a Kiddush following the services.



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## ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

The 100,000 Jews which the Anglo-American Committee recommended sending to Palestine will shortly be transported out of Europe. The huge sums required for this project will come from the UJA fund. There will still remain approximately one million and a half surviving European Jews broken in body and spirit. All must be provided with shelter, daily food rations and medications. In addition ample provision must be made for their moral rehabilitation and occupational adjustment. To this gigantic task the UJA is dedicated.

American Jewry is rapidly becoming aware of what is expected of it and will do all in its power to relieve the suffering of Israel abroad. Our Synagogue has designated June 6th, the second day of Shevuos for its annual UJA appeal. We are certain that those leaving town for the Holiday will not do so without making their substantial contributions through the Synagogue office and together with those worshipping with us will make this year's UJA appeal the best ever for the need is the greatest ever.

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### 252nd COMMANDMENT Thou Shalt Not Mar The Corners of Thy Beard

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The Bible Commands us in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 27, "Thou Shalt Not Mar or Destroy the Corners of Thy Beard." There are five corners of the beard, one, at each end of the jaw, (upper and lower), making four and the chin (beard) making the fifth. The chin (beard) is the spot where the lower jaws join together. In regard to each one, there is a punishment of stripes if one destroys the hair or shaves it with a razor, (even if they were removed at one time and he was warned against his actions).

Maimonidies points out that the

commandment speaks not merely of the beard, but of the corners of the beard which include the five different places just mentioned. It does not say, "Thou shalt not destroy thy beard", but "the corners of the beard" referring to each one of the five aforementioned.

The purpose of this commandment is as we have said before, to keep us back from an idolatrous practice.

It is interesting to note that the Roman Catholic priests are prohibited from wearing a beard. This too is a relic of the ministry of idolatry, namely to destroy the corners of the beard. This commandment refers only to removing the corners of the beard with a razor. There are two factors, one, the tool, a razor may not be used, and two, the cutting, — the hair may not be destroyed. Thus there is no objection to shaving off the hair by means of a depilatory powder, clipper or electric machine. However, one may remove the mustache with a razor because it is not regarded as a corner of the beard. Needless to say, there are among us the pious who will not employ a razor on any part of the body.

This law prevails at all times and in all places and refers only to males and not to females.

### THINKING OUT LOUD

By Dan Schacter

Participation in the running of our government is the duty of each citizen of the United States. It is especially necessary for Jews as Americans to partake in the upholding of the government. Morgenthau, Frankfurter, Rosenman, Lehman, Baruch, Ben Cohen and others have set a standard for leadership by Jewish people in the American government.

Our democratic way depends upon the fullest possible representation of the whole people. In order to accomplish this end we must shoulder our part in the running of the government.

As you know, we live in a rather complex political organization-local state and national.

The ratio of the willingness of people to work in politics to those who do nothing other than just go to the polls, is in proportion to the democracy we enjoy. As more of us delegate the legislation of our various geographical areas to the nebulous 'they' who control our country, we are headed as the title of a recent book states, on the 'road to serfdom'.

### SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICES Monday Evening, May 27, 1946

In accordance with our annual tradition a special Memorial Service of the departed whose names have been enshrined on our Synagogue Memorial Tablet will take place this Monday evening, May 27th at 8:45 o'clock promptly. Rabbis Goldstein and Lifschitz will officiate at the service. Cantor Yavneh will chant the memorial prayers.

### CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of the late

MASRHALL LEFF

and to the family of the late

MARCUS ROTHENSTEIN

and to the family of the late

CLAIRE LANG

upon their irreparable loss.

It is part of our doctrine to be upstanding citizens of the country where we are residing. A prerequisite for citizenship, i. e. positive citizenship, is affirmative action and assistance by becoming a member of some political organization loyal to the Government.

**MEN'S CLUB**

**Election of Officers**

On Tuesday evening, May 28th, the Men's Club will hold its meeting in our building and elect officers for the ensuing year.

The following have been nominated:

- President — Moe Oltarsh
  - 1st Vice-President—Albert H. Cohen
  - 2nd Vice-President—Myron Goldman
  - Treasurer — Irving Kobrin
  - Recording Secretary—Louis Reisman
  - Fin. Secretary — Charles I. Karasik
  - Sergeant-at-Arms — Charles Cohen
- Please attend — Refreshments.

**PRAYER SCHEDULE**

Today is the 38th day of the Omer  
 Light Candles Friday Evening 7:55  
 Weekly Portion: B'Chukosi  
 Blessings for the New Moon  
 Rosh Hodesh Sivan, Friday May 31st  
 Friday Evening Service .....6:30  
 Saturday Morning .....9:00  
 Junior Congregation .....10:00  
 Rabbi Lifschitz's Class .....7:10  
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Class .....7:10  
 Mincha .....8:10  
 Sababth Terminates .....8:45  
 Sunday morning Service .....6:45, 8:45  
**DAILY SERVICES**  
 Morning .....6:45, 8:00, 8:30  
 Mincha .....8:00  
 Followed by class in Shulchan Aruch  
 by Rabbi Goldstein

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**CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.**

By Morris Jablow

During the past week a lady came into the Synagogue office and expressed interest in the "Day-In-The-Country" project of our Women's League. I think her remarks are worth repeating.

"I am not a member of the Women's League, but I would like to join the ladies on June 12th, if I am permitted to do so. The idea of having a congenial group of women, interested in a fine institution, spend a day in the country amidst pleasant and comfortable surroundings, at the moderate cost of \$5.00 is very attractive. What particularly appeals to me is the fact that through the kindness of Mrs. William Horwitz, no expense whatsoever will be incurred by the Women's League. All the monies realized from the sale of tickets will be used for the activities of the Women's League. Such a project should certainly be encouraged."

\* If any of our readers are willing to participate, please call Mrs. Harry Ward, Chairlady and she will be glad to give you all details. Cars will leave the Synagogue building at 10 A. M. on June 12th.

# Getting Personal

Mazeltove to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fuchs who announce the engagement of their daughter Sonya to Harvey Barsha. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Freedman upon the birth of a daughter and also to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Freedman, and of course not forgetting Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ward the uncle and aunt. . . . Ralph Kestenbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, who recently won our Synagogue Sermon contest, graduated from Columbia Grammar School and was class salutatorian. To the proud parents we extend our heartiest good wishes on their wedding anniversary. . . . Among our distinguished laywomen is Mrs. Dana Cohen (Mrs. Albert H. Cohen), two of whose paintings have taken honors in the National Contest conducted by the National Art Gallery and are now on exhibit at the National Arts Club. . . . Glad to see Emanuel Yavneh, son of Cantor and Mrs. Yavneh home from the hospital after his recent emergency appendectomy in time to attend his brother's Bar Mitzvah. . . . A half century wedding bliss is being observed by Mr. and Mrs. Hyman I. Josephson. Here is to your Diamond Anniversary in health and prosperity. . . . Happy birthday to one year old Susanne Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Goldsmith. . . . Mrs. Samuel Greenman, Chairman of our Women's League Committee on Overseas Food and Clothing is doing an excellent job. . . . Congratulations to Hilda Bernstein daughter of Julius A. and the late Esther Bernstein, upon her engagement to Martin Morris. . . . We're happy to see Henry M. Mayper back from sunny Florida and Cadet Morton Kamerman, USN, at Services. . . . Congratulations to Camilla Landman and Marc Monies married in our Synagogue last Saturday. . . . We extend a cordial and hearty welcome to the following recent additions to our congregational family: Jack Cohen, Jack Kay, Mrs. Jeannette Lazar, Leo Rosner, and Irving Silver.

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