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## Sedrah of the Week

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

4:46-47. "ALL THOSE THAT WERE NUMBERED OF THE LEVITES FROM THIRTY YEARS OLD UNTO FIFTY YEARS OLD." Thirty years is the age at which one reaches maturity both mental and physical. Fifty years is the age at which a decline sets in, in the human make-up. Therefore only those between these two ages were eligible for service in the Tabernacle.

### The Three Camps

5:2. "COMMAND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY PUT OUT OF THE CAMP EVERY LEPER.

There were three camps. (1) The tabernacle within the curtains, the camp of the Schechina, from which any who touched a dead body was debarred. (2) Outside of the curtains, the Levites were encamped. This was called the Levitical camp, from which all who were ritually unclean were debarred. (3) Outside of the Levitical camp, came the camp of the Israelites, flanked in four directions. From this camp, only the leper was debarred.

### Law Observance

4. "AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL DID SO, ETC. . . . SO DID THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL." The Rabbis in the Halachic Midrash, the Sifri, say that not only was there a general willingness on the part of those who were to do the sending, but even those who were sent out, acquiesced. We have the expression for the command repeated thus

ויעשו כן "They did so," and כן עשו "So they did." One refers to the Israelites, through the Beth Din, and the other refers to the lepers.

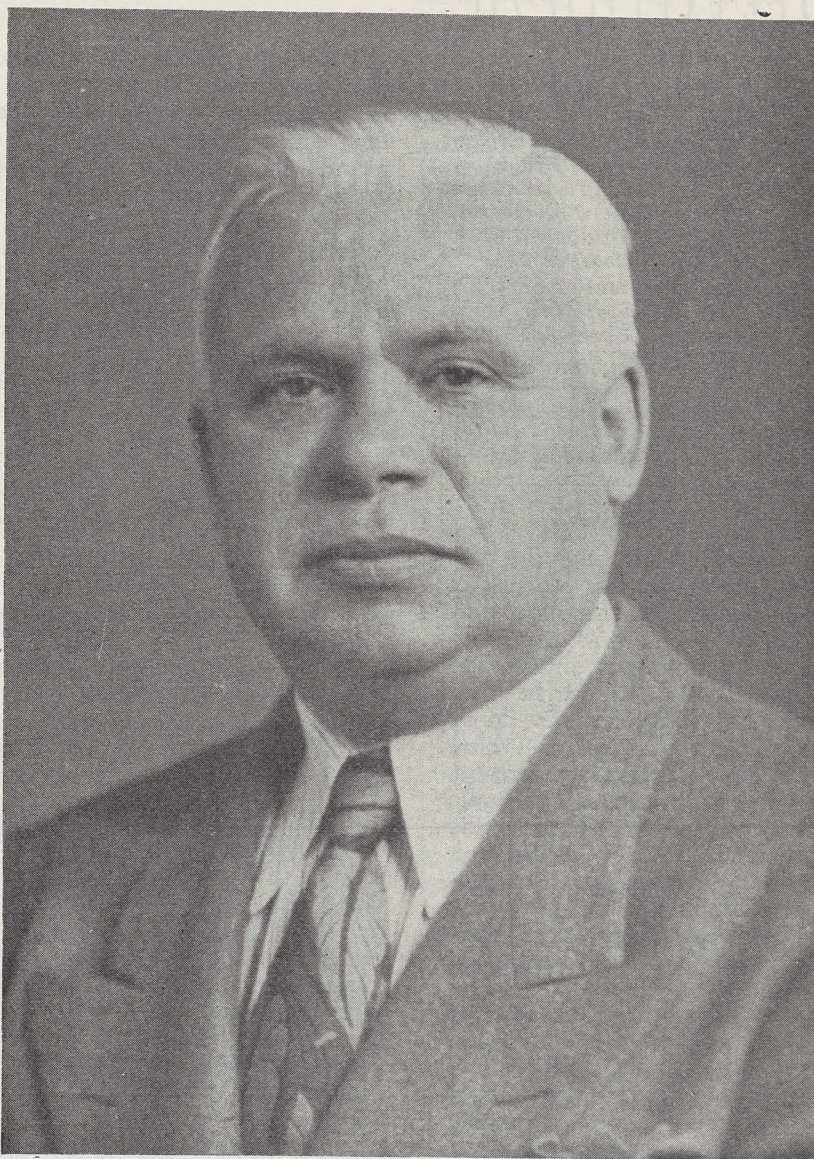
### Social Sin

6. "TO DO A TRESPASS AGAINST THE LORD." A social sin is a double sin against the Lord. Our social duties are not divorced from religion. Robbing is just as much a defiance against G-d as blaspheming. Besides robbing, the guilty one, swears falsely. Thus when one swears falsely one denies G-d, — the existence of the Fountain of Truth.

## IMPESSIVE RECEPTION CEREMONY

### TO DIRECTOR, MORRIS LEVINE

THIS SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 9TH, AT 8:45 O'CLOCK

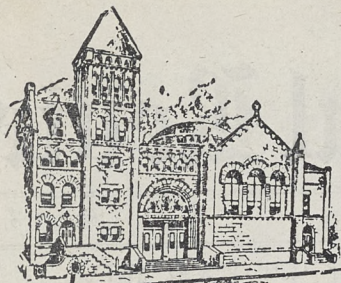


Morris Levine

The Chairman of the Reception Committee, Max E. Sanders, announces that an unusually fine program has been arranged for this Sunday evening, when we honor Morris Levine by presenting him with the West Side Institutional Synagogue Annual Souvenir Album, dedicated to him for his outstanding service to the Synagogue.

The reception in his honor will be followed by a collation. Admission will be by invitation. Please communicate with the Synagogue office for your card of admission.





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## LEST WE FORGET

Many of our readers have already completed or are in the process of making plans for the vacation period. Many of you will have no doubt made substantial gifts to the United Jewish Appeal drive and other national organizations doing essential rescue and rehabilitation work for our brethren overseas. With the signing of a check one gets the feeling that one has done his or her duty. May we remind you at this time that despite our individual and collective contributions there remains yet much to be done before our brothers will enjoy an infinitesimal share of the security and blessedness which we in this land are by the grace of G-d privileged to enjoy. Let us, therefore, during the summer months ahead remember the thousands of Jewish orphans needing a set of parents; the many Jewish children still being cared for by church institutions or housed in Christian homes abroad who today must be redeemed. Let us remember that millions will yet be required to transport our brethren to Palestine. Let us remember, lest we forget.

E. L. L.



## 254th COMMANDMENT "Reverence the Sanctuary"

### II

The Rabbis say this teaches us that the sacred places must be held in reverence even today though they are in ruinous state. The commandment concerning the observance of the Sabbath and reverence for the holy places are placed next to each other, to teach us two things, first, that just as the Sabbath must be observed at all times so must the Holy places be revered at all times, and second, lest it be wrongly inferred that the Holy places should be revered, even at the expense of the breaking of the Sabbath, therefore it is written here, "And ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and (then and accordingly) rever-

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ence my sanctuary, I am the L-d." Furthermore, the purpose of this commandment is not merely to respect a building or walls, per se, but G-d who is represented by the Holy Temple. Whilst it is true that G-d, one of whose attributes is מקום Omnipresence, and who therefore is not limited to space, yet the Sanctuary is a special environment through which we are reminded to practice all that is noble and good. It is also customary when leaving the Sanctuary and today the Synagogue or the Holy Ark not to do so with one's back turned to them. Needless to say, it is highly revolting to spit upon the floor of a house of worship. The Talmud in Yevomos 6 a and b, discusses the whole question of reverence for our houses of worship.

This commandment refers to male and females and prevails at all times although the Temple is destroyed today (because of our sins). Nevertheless it is incumbent upon each of us to reverence the Holy place, not to sit even in the Court of the Temple, or to show any signs of levity therein. The Rabbis furthermore make the point that just as we are to keep the Sabbath forever, so are we to reverence the Sanctuary for all time. He who trespasses this law violates a positive commandment.

## THE TRAGEDY OF ASSIMILATION

"What I understand by assimilation is loss of identity. It is the kind of assimilation, with the terrible consequences indicated, that I dread most — even more than pogroms.

"It is a tragedy to see a great, ancient people, distinguished for its loyalty to its religion, and its devotion to its sacred Law, losing thousands every day by the mere process of attrition. It is a tragedy to see a language held sacred by all the world, in which Holy Writ was composed, which served as the depositary of Israel's greatest and best thoughts, doomed to oblivion. It is a tragedy to see the descendants of those who revealed religion to the world, and who developed the greatest religious literature in existence, so little familiar with real Jewish thought that they have no other interpretation to offer of Israel's Scriptures, Israel's religion, and Israel's ideals and aspirations and hopes, than those suggested by their natural opponents, slavishly follow-

ing their opinions, copying their phrases, and repeating their catchwords. I am not accusing anybody. I am only stating facts. We are helpless spectators of the Jewish soul wasting away before our very eyes.

"Now, the rebirth of Israel's national consciousness and the revival of Judaism are inseparable. When Israel found itself, it found its God. When Israel lost itself, or began to work at its self-effacement, it was sure to deny its God. The selection of Israel, the indestructibility of God's covenant with Israel, the immortality of Israel as a nation, and the final restoration of Israel to Palestine, where the nation will live a holy life, on holy ground, with all the wide-reaching consequences of the conversion of humanity, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth — all these are the common ideals and the common ideas that permeate the whole of Jewish literature extending over nearly four thousand years."

Solomon Schecter



**West Side Institutional Synagogue  
Talmud Torah Takes Inter-School  
Athletic Honors**

At the Lag B'Omer athletic event sponsored by the five leading local Orthodox Talmud Torahs and held under the auspices of the newly formed Committee of Orthodox Jewish Education of the West Side, the W.S.I.S. Talmud Torah was awarded 61 points out of a possible total of 100. Our baseball team won against those of the Jewish Center and Beth Hillel Institute. The team was composed of Leonard Binder, Nathan Flaks, Sam Flaks, Henry Maringer, Herbert Perlman, Kurt Stern, Jack Wohl, and two members of our school faculty, Mr. Simon Konovitch and Mr. Hyman Medetzky, Rabbi Lifschitz umpiring the games.

A special award night will be held at our building on Thursday evening, June 13th, at which the W.S.I.S. will be awarded a banner. All are urged to come.

**CONDOLENCE**

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late esteemed member

PHILIP COHEN

on their great loss.

**PRAYER SCHEDULE**

Light Candles Friday Evening ... 8:06  
Weekly Portion: Noso  
Friday Evening Service ..... 6:30  
Saturday Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:00  
Mr. Isaac Allen's Class ..... 7:00  
Rabbi Lifschitz's Class ..... 7:20  
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class ..... 7:20  
Mincha ..... 8:20  
Sabbath Terminates ..... 8:54  
Sunday morning Service ..... 6:45, 8:45

**DAILY SERVICES**

Morning ..... 6:45, 8:00, 8:30  
Mincha ..... 8:10

Followed by class in Shulchan  
Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

**BAR MITZVAH**



**Gerard Grant**

Our heartiest good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Grant upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Gerard, which will take place in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

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

**By Morris Jablow**

Many of our friends interested in WSIS have been urging our Board of Directors to increase the price of seats for the High Holy Days.

At a discussion in the office opposite views were expressed which I am repeating here.

Said one, "In my opinion prices should be advanced about 20% on all seats as a matter of simple justice to the Synagogue. Costs have moved upward and we should recognize that fact. It is just as necessary that an institution act in accordance with rules of economics as a private business. Seat-holders are aware of this and will not object."

Said the other, "Though it is true that costs have advanced, nevertheless it is more important to retain the good-will of our seat-holders than to obtain the extra income, particularly since we have other sources of income to meet the budget."

This is a very important problem upon which you, our readers, can advise us. Please write us your views which will receive very careful consideration and will help us to obtain a clearer picture of the situation.

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**GETTING PERSONAL**

The congregation extends its heartfelt felicitations to our beloved president and his good wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell, upon their wedding anniversary. Many happy returns. . . to their son Buddy Udell our best wishes on his birthday. . . . We were pleased to have with us at services Leonard Kirsch of London, England. . . . We were happy to see Mr. Isaac Allen who recovered from his recent illness and who will resume his Talmud class tomorrow afternoon P.G. . . . Many thanks to Reuben Richman for donating material for tablecloths. We will be leaning on you at every simcha, Reuben. . . . Mrs. Aaron Wartels was sweet enough to volunteer to sew them up. . . . Speaking about linens, David H. Ullman has been servicing our Synagogue with linens out of the goodness of his big heart since we opened our doors. . . . Have you noticed the beautiful Porochos (Holy Ark cover) and Shulchon (Reader's Desk) cover in the Daily Synagogue? It is the gift of the Mirken family in memory of their late father Meyer Mirken, one of the Founders of our West Side movement. . . . One birthday candle-greeting to Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller (nee Shirley Buchsbaum. . . . Our prayerful wishes to Henry Kass for a speedy recovery. . . . To Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim our hearty congratulations upon their wedding anniversary. . . . Happy birthday to Jennie Goldstein. . . . Here's a scoop, Seymour Bernstein, our loyal and devoted usher, is engaged to Esther Tepper. Mazel Tov.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
"DAY IN THE COUNTRY"  
LAST CALL**

Do you wish to be included in the Party of Women's League members and their friends, who will leave the W.S.I.S. on Wednesday morning, June 12th at 10 o'clock sharp, by busses and private cars, to spend a long to be remembered "Day in the Country"? If so, then send your check of Five Dollars, made out to the Women's League of the W.S.I.S., at once, to Mrs. Harry Ward, Chairman, 203 West 81st Street.

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