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WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE PEACE CONFERENCE



By Rabbi Nathan Drazin
Baltimore, Md.

More than a year has passed since Victory has been achieved. Very few people, if any, will now claim that the millenium is upon us. The sense of security is still sorely lacking in the world. Nations look upon one another with suspicions. Many people view the present peace as an intermission of "breathing spell" before the Third World War.

It cannot be gainsaid that the leaders of the United Nations had now a golden opportunity to lay the foundations for a genuinely abiding Peace. War could have been outlawed forever. Justice, at long last, could have been made to prevail. The International Court of Justice suggested at San Francisco could have been set up already to settle disputes of Nations on the basis of law and justice.

Instead we find an ever continuing wrangling among the statesmen of the United Nations. The wheels of the Peace Conferences move very slowly and with great difficulty, marking very little progress.

What is the obstacle? Russia? What about the other Great Powers? Are they entirely blameless? The root of the whole trouble, it seems to me, lies in the philosophy or point of view with which the Peace Con-

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W.S.I.S. ADOPTS GRENOBLE COMMUNITY

Last Spring our Board of Directors were apprised of the lack of prayer books and religious articles among the Jewish communities in Europe. They were informed that an appeal was being made to the Jewish congregations of America to adopt a specific Jewish community. Our Board promptly adopted the Jewish community in Grenoble, France, and authorized the donation of a Sefer Torah. The Sefer Torah was sent by air and was duly received by the Jewish community in Grenoble, who joyfully celebrated its arrival. We reproduce here a letter sent to the Jews in Grenoble for the celebration of that event.

Grenoble, April 25, 1946

Dear Co-Religionist:

Our community is very happy to announce that it has received a Sefer Torah as a gift from the

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The formal Sefer ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 5, 1946, 3 P. M.

7, Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Grenoble.

You are cordially invited to attend so that we may celebrate this great occasion fittingly.

We sincerely hope that you and your friends will join us. In the hope that you will attend, we send you fraternal greetings.

ROD. FISCHL
President

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

As has been our custom in the past, we are offering an opportunity to our readers to extend New Year Greetings to their friends, through the pages of this publication. These greetings will be published in our Rosh Hashonah Issue. There will be a nominal charge of \$2.00 for an insertion. If you wish us to include your greeting, kindly use the following form:

W. S. I. S. REVIEW

Please insert my New Year greeting for which check for \$2.00 is herewith enclosed.

Name

Address

We have since purchased a number of religious articles including Talaisim, Daily Prayer Books and Machzorim and shipped them to Grenoble.

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Nous vous prions de bien vouloir assister à cette fête à laquelle nous voudrions donner l'éclat qu'elle requiert

Nous espérons donc fermement que vous y participerez avec vos amis, et vous adressons. Cher Coreligionnaire, dans cette attente nos salutations fraternelles

LE PRÉSIDENT
Rod FISCHL

GOOD WISHES

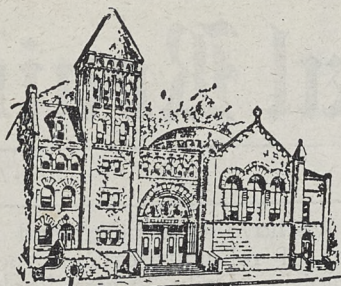


Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz has accepted an invitation to become head of the Jewish Community in Ottawa, Canada. The best wishes of our Congregation are with him as he assumes his new responsibilities.

We extend to him our prayers for a fruitful and creative ministry in the City of Ottawa. "May he go from strength to strength."

CONGRATULATIONS

The Congregation extends its felicitations to our Director and Mrs. Moses Langer upon their 25th wedding anniversary. Both Moe and Anna have been ardent and devoted workers for many years in our congregation.



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WELCOME HOME

We extend to our readers a hearty welcome, as expressed in our Hallel prayers, ברוך הבא "Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we bless you out of the House of the Lord."

We should all be grateful that it is our privilege to renew our allegiance to the Synagogue. This gratefulness can best be expressed by giving ourselves "wholeheartedly, fullsouled and mightily" to the work of the House of G-d.

The Synagogue is the "Well of Salvation." We come to the well to imbibe from it the "Waters of Life". Like Rebecca of old, let us make the "WELL", not merely a spring, from which we quench our own thirst, but one from which we should lavishly offer aid to others, also. May it be a reservoir to which communal institutions may come, and receive some sustenance, from it. We should not be content with self-satisfied isolationism! Our goal should be open-hearted, universal cooperation. Let us remember the familiar adage that while "Charity should begin at home, it must not end there."



257th COMMANDMENT By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein Honoring of the Sages and the Elders I

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 32, "Thou shalt rise before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man." The Targum Ankelos and the Rabbis in the Talmud distinguish between the hoary head and the old man. They say that "the elder" זקן means זקנה

הכמה "He who has attained wisdom." Officially the word זקן "old man" refers to one 60 years of age and the hoary head 70 years of age. The "old man" referred to here, the Rabbis in the Talmud (Kiddushin 32b), understand to mean one who though young in years, is nevertheless a scholar of the Torah. He who has spent his time in the study

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ferences are now being approached. Had the Victors approached the task of Peace with one burning zeal to have Justice and Right prevail in the world, much could have been achieved. Such an ideal would have met with spontaneous outbursts of approval from the great masses of the people, the world over. But once Right gives way to expediency and Justice is forgotten because of selfish gain or imperialistic consideration, then this individual case of wrong breeds a host of greater wrongs, compromises, injustices, and ill-will and hatred, the seeds of another war.

Judah Halevi, the immortal Hebrew poet made the poignant observation that the Jewish people is the heart of the world. When a man is sick, the heart will know it first. And when the world is sick, Israel knows it first. Did Hitler not start with the Jews before he plunged outright into world conquest? If only Right and Justice would prevail, Great Britain would know in a few minutes how to settle the prob-

and knowledge of the word of G-d is much older than one whose years are much more numerous, but who has wasted his time. Thus the student and he who spends his time in the performance of good deeds are the real seniors. The Torah encourages the aristocracy of G-d's learning and the practice of good deeds but not that of riches and physical prowess. We read in the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 9, verse 22 and 23, "Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in His wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glorifieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord who exerciseth loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for in these I delight, saith the Lord."

You will note that the "hoary head" is not forgotten. He is given recognition and respect because through his longevity he proves that he lived moderately and he did not indulge in enervating and devitalizing physical pleasure to an excessive degree.

The root of this commandment is to indicate that the purpose of the creation of man is that he should seek the wisdom of living by the Torah.

lem of Palestine. Note the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry. When confronted with the stark facts of reality, this Commission, including as many Britishers as Americans, unanimously agreed that the request of our President for the admission of 100,000 Jews from the concentration camps of Europe into Palestine be granted forthwith. Obviously Right and Justice are not the exclusive criteria of Peace at the present time; and hence the difficulties and obstacles at the Peace Conferences.

On Rosh Hashonah, when the whole world stands in judgment and when we pray for life and happiness, let us also pray that the leaders of the United Nations, in whose hands still lies the opportunity to make Peace permanent in the world, be moved only by the ideals of Right and Justice. Then, and only then, will suspicions, hatreds and injustice be removed forever. The Lord G-d will then reign over the entire universe, and all human beings will know that they are His children, and brothers. The earth will then become a paradise for all people.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO THE ENTRANTS IN THE WSIS BABY PARADE SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE REVIEW

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		Mr. and Mrs. Simon Klein

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

The officers of the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 of Jewish War Veterans of America extend a cordial invitation to our readers who are veterans of the recent war, to join this Post and participate in the work that it is trying to do.

Though the Post was organized over a year ago, it is a vital, aggressive organization doing splendid work. All those interested will please communicate with the office and an invitation will be sent for the next meeting.

We trust our friends enjoyed
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JUNIOR CONGREGATION SERVICES

During the High Holy Days our Junior Congregation will hold services in the Council room under the leadership of Lawrence Rosan. We have arranged to provide reserved seats for the youngsters and we suggest that those who desire to attend this service should send their requests to the office without delay so that a ticket of admission may be issued. There will be no charge.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday 6:47

Weekly Portion:

Kee Sawvoh

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's

Talmud Class 6:00

Mr. Allen's

Talmud Class 5:30

Mincha Service 7:00

The Sabbath Terminates 7:37

Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45

DAILY SERVICES:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30

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We urge all our readers who have children of school age to send them to our Hebrew School so that they may receive a religious education. All of you send your children to the public schools to develop their minds. Will you neglect the character training and spiritual values to be derived from your children's religious education? We urge you not to deprive them of their right to know and appreciate the faith into which they were born. Send them to Hebrew School so that they may grow up to be understanding and self-respecting Jews and Jewesses.

A special program including free movies, sponsored by the Committee on Jewish Education on the West Side, of which Mr. Jacob Kaplan is the Chairman, will be presented at the Beacon Theatre, Broadway and 74th Street this Sunday morning at 10:30. All children who are interested should call Sunday morning for tickets of admission.

KINDERGARTEN

We also have a Kindergarten class for children between the ages of 4 and 6. You cannot start at too young an age to have your children receive a religious education. Remember "as the twig is bent so is the tree inclined."

GETTING PERSONAL

Since our last issue, we are happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Greenman have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. . . . Cyrille Gell enters Gratz College in the Fall although she is two and a half-years under the minimum age limit. Jonathan Gell received first prize in the Sophomore year with an additional prize in Biblical history with a report of all "A"s as his father wrote, "What a boost for our Talmud Torah!" . . . Birthday greetings to Father Myron and son Joel Jay Goldman as well as to Mr. Samuel Greenman and Marlene Ellan Dattlenbaum. . . . Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss upon the marriage of their son, Lt. Jerome Weiss, M. C. to Marilyn Doris Levine. . . . Director and Mrs. Max E. Sanders and their "Machatonim", Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort have been commuting to Santa Monica, California visiting their children and grandchildren. . . . Congratulations to Senator and Mrs. Albert Wald upon the marriage of their daughter, Judith to Myron Moses. . . . Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wohl upon the marriage of their daughter Shirley to Edgar Schraub which will take place this Sunday. . . . Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky upon the engagement of their daughter Jean Carol to Norman Jaspan. . . . Congratulations also to Miss Sadie Wald of our office staff who is being married this Sunday to Aron P. Kasten. . . . Harold Levine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine is engaged to Sue Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin I. Marsh. Congratulations to Sanford, son of our Director and Mrs. Jess Ward on his birthday. The State Department has designated Rabbi Goldstein as a member of the National Commission of UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organization).

As we go to press we hear the good news that a bouncing baby boy has come into the home of the former president of the Men's Club, Seymour Mann and his good wife Mitzi.

Many thanks to Max Lazarus for his conscientious service to the Synagogue as usher every Saturday during the summer months. Congratulations to you and your good wife upon Lester's passing the bar examination. . . . Our thanks to our Directors Samuel W. Siegel and David H. Ullman. Mr. Siegel donated his services in auditing our books and Mr. Ullman has supplied us with towels, tablecloths and napkins all year round.

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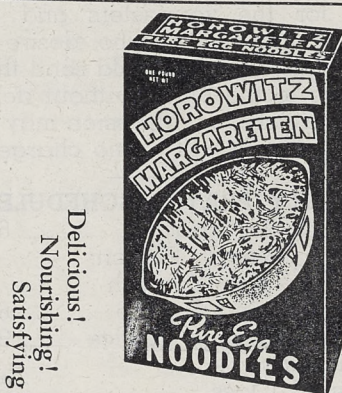
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