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STATEMENT OF THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE OF THE RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA

Rabbi Manual Laderman
Chairman
Denver, Col.

The Jewish New Year of 5707 brings sharply to mind the need for greater implementation of the ideals of Social Justice which are the heritage of Israel. For on the Day of Atonement we shall hear the words of Isaiah read: "IS NOT THIS THE FAST THAT I HAVE CHOSEN? TO LOSE THE FETTERS OF WICKEDNESS, TO UNDO THE BANDS OF THE YOKE, AND TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE, AND THAT YE BREAK EVERY YOKE?"

We deplore the strife which has existed in America in the field of management and labor relations. Recognizing that each case is individual and that the merits of it must be judged only by a careful acquaintance with the facts, it is our considered judgment that religion must support the right of laboring men to organize in unions, and advance their efforts towards greater security and a better standard of living. We look toward greater understanding among the parties who are the production life-line of America's industrial achievement. We welcome advances made in conciliation services which avoid the necessity of strikes and interruption of work. With deep concern we await the acceptance of the five day week generally, so that new avenues of employment will be opened to the Sabbath observing Jew, and bring back the spirituality of the Sabbath to those who have mistakenly avoided its beauty and observance. Our tradition has always been a democratic stronghold for all of its children, whatever their means or social status.

There has been an increase in violence against the negro. No religious person can fail to be disturbed by such crimes against the dignity of human beings whom G-d has endowed with immortal souls. As Jews we feel very keenly violations of the security of others who are a

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE Annual Luncheon



Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Chairman

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, capable and conscientious chairman of the annual Women's League Luncheon which is to be held in the Fall in the beautiful Grand Ball Room Suite at Pierre's, has designated the following active women to work with her on the various committees: Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Ex-officio, Mrs. Lester Udell and Mrs. George L. Livingston, Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Program Chairman; Mrs. Moses Langer, Treasurer; Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mrs. Ben Levine, and Mrs. Samuel Greenman, Co-Chairmen of Treasure Chest; Mrs. Allen Fox, Chairman on Bond Subscriptions; Mrs. Jos. Landowne and Mrs. Morris Levine, Co-Chairmen of Reception Committee; Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Mrs. Jacob M. Eisenberg, and Mrs. Anna Dworkin, Co-Chairmen of Floral Arrangements.

Thus far the table sponsors are Mesdames Joseph Anderson, Joseph Buchsbaum, William Horowitz, Jacob Kaplan, Irving Korbin, Joseph Landowne, Charles Loventhal, Jules Shaffan, Richard Ullman and Jess Ward.

Judging by the enthusiasm already elicited, this Luncheon promises to be one of the most outstanding held thus far.

Subscription will be \$15 per person. Please phone Mrs. S. W. Siegel, Luncheon Chairman, SU 7-5068, who will advise you of an easy way to raise your quota.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

All wishing to volunteer as ushers for the High Holy Days please see Max Lazarus this Sunday morning, September 22nd, at the Synagogue at 11 A. M.

SELICHOS SERVICE SATURDAY NIGHT

Penitential Prayer Will Be

Recited at 1 A. M.

The first Selichos Service will be held in the Main Synagogue on Saturday night, September 21st at 1 A. M.

With these special prayers, we petition G-d, the "Lord of mercies" to forgive us.

The recital of selichos for the penitential days begins on Sunday before Rosh Hashonah or if Rosh Hashonah falls on Monday or Tuesday it is begun the Sunday of the previous week. After Rosh Hashonah, penitential prayers are recited in the same manner during the Ten Days of Repentance.

TALMUD TORAH

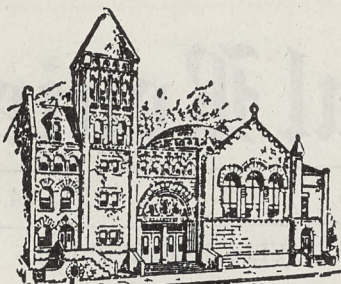
Parents are advised to enroll their children immediately so that they may not have any difficulty in keeping up with the school curriculum which has been in effect beginning with last week. The best means of insuring our children a happy life is to give them not only the anchor of faith but the knowledge of their religion which will assure them a heightened self-respect against anti-semitic tendencies. Our classes this year start from Aleph-Beth up to and including an introduction to the study of the Talmud. The pupils of our Talmud Torah not only receive formal religious instruction but afternoon and evening services are conducted in their classes daily, in addition to the regular Junior Sabbath Congregation. The children of our school are also invited to participate in arts and crafts, the Scouts and our varied club activities.

OUR MEMORIAL PARK

Mr. Joseph Buchsbaum, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee invites all those interested in acquiring a plot to discuss details with him.

Our Memorial Park is located in Mt. Eden Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant, Westchester, amidst beautiful scenic surroundings.

We urge you to give this subject immediate consideration.



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THE BABY PARADE

In last week's issue of the "Review", we presented the "Baby Parade". We were forcibly struck by the lack of Biblical names. No Sarah, Rebecca, Miriam, Deborah, Benjamin, David, Amos or Ezra were to be found. However, among the names of the Christians who signed the Declaration of Independence, you will find Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Ezra Stiles, etc.

The tendency on our part to steer clear of Biblical names is an evidence of an inferiority complex. These classical names are too Jewish for us and instead we substitute inane, colorless, Aryan or Christian names. Lincoln's first name was Abraham, which, during the Civil War inspired the country to sing, "Father Abraham, we are coming".

Mothers and Fathers of tomorrow, do not rob your sons and daughters of names which may serve as an inspiration to them. The Midrash says that one of the reasons why the Jewish people were not assimilated by the overwhelming majority of the Egyptian people was that they did not exchange the names of their children from the divinely inspired Biblical ones for those of their neighbors.



257th COMMANDMENT "Honoring of the Sages and the Elders"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Even before a simple old man one is to rise. However, if we know that the old man is an inveterate sinner, of course this commandment does not prevail in such a case. One is to rise also before the wife of a scholar.

The "honor" due the learned and the pious, as defined by the Rabbis, implies not usurping their places and not acting contrary to their counsel. The catastrophic division of Israel into two kingdoms which was the cause of all our later troubles and calamities, came about because King Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the elders and adopted the advice rendered by the temper-

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amental and headstrong youth. See the First Book of Kings, Chapter 12, verses 1 to 14.

The laws of this commandment are that not only are the old to rise before the sages, but one scholar is to rise before another, even a teacher before a pupil if he be a scholar. Furthermore if it is a question of whom to honor, one's father or one's rabbi, the rabbi takes precedence unless one's father is a rabbi (even if he is not as great as his teacher). The reason for this is that the father gives the child his physical and his worldly needs whilst the teacher gives him, **עולם הבא** "the future world."

One is not to sit in his rabbi's seat nor decide questions before him within a radius of 12 miles. This all refers of course to his outstanding or special rabbi from whom he learned most of his wisdom. One should also be careful even when one's rabbi is wrong as to how to address him.

This law prevails at all times and refers to males and females and one who trespasses it breaks a positive commandment and his punishment is great. This law represents one of the important principles in religion. It is the foundation of respect for wisdom and law.

STATEMENT OF COMMISSION

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minority of the population. With all other right-thinking Americans, we protest against the conditions which permit such indignities and pledge our support of every effort to assure the negro of his legal and human rights.

Evidence of the increase of propaganda intending to raise the bogus issues of "race differences" disturbs us greatly. In the realm of religion there is no room for any difference except that between right and wrong. All men have endowed rights, in faith and law, and none ought to challenge or dispute them. We associate ourselves with the activities of those who would create techniques of fair employment and fair standards in every area of our nation.

We Americans are called upon to be generous in a larger measure than ever before. Many agencies have a valid claim upon our kindness that the suffering and the dispossessed, the war-stricken and the displaced persons, shall find some

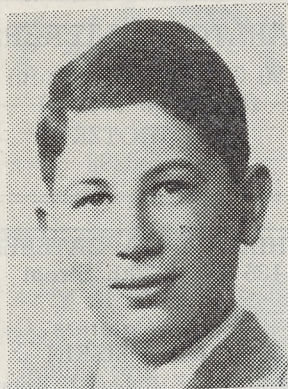
need of comfort. That call upon our generosity includes a recognition that the doors of our nation shall be opened more widely to those who have nowhere else to seek a home. We urge our people to be responsive to these appeals to their mercy, their sympathy and their generosity.

May the New Year see and advance in the realization of our Holy-day prayer that "ALL NATIONS SHALL BECOME ONE BAND TO DO THY WILL, OH LORD WITH A WHOLE HEART".

We trust our friends enjoyed
A Happy and Healthy Vacation!

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BAR MITZVAH



Lawrence Alan Kobrin

We extend very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kobrin upon the Bar Mitzvah of their oldest son, Lawrence Alan Kobrin which will be held tomorrow in the Synagogue.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to announce the appreciable increase in our membership during the summer. A cordial welcome is extended to these new members whose names appear below with the hope that they will not only be members on our books but will join in the many and varied activities of the Congregation: J. A. Aronauer, Morris Aronoff, Julian Banner, L. Bengis, Mrs. Rose Bernheim, Bernard Blankfort, Joseph Blatt, Leonard Belford, Morris Birnbaum, Dr. Henry Braun, Dr. E. Buchalter, Dr. Simon Dack, Fred H. Diamond, Irving Dorfman, Samuel Ducat, Edward H. Dunn, David H. Edelstein, Mrs. M. Epstein, Irving M. Fuerlicht, Julius Figdor, Adolph Flaum, Joseph Flaum, Henri Freudmann, Mrs. Lena Gamson, Maurice Garrett, John D. Garrett, Jean Goldwurm, Aaron Greenblatt, Samuel Greenwald, Saul Greenstein, Arthur Greenfield, Armand Grosz, Zoltan Grosz, Joseph S. Gruss, Arthur Harris, Samuel Hausman, Saul S. Herzfeld, David Hirsch, Sam Jacobson, Mrs. Etta Jaffin, Barnett Joseph, S. Joseph, Benj. Kaplan, Henry Kass, Joseph Klein, Harold J. Klein, Mrs. Rose Klein, Morris Kletter, David Knapp, Max Koch, Israel Kuber, Michael Lensh, Samuel W. Lerer, Leon Leslau, Mrs. Zelda Light, Joseph Lip-

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday	6:39
Weekly Portion:	
Netzavim Vayelech	
Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's Class	5:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's	
Talmud Class	5:45
Mincha Service	6:45
The Sabbath Terminates	7:29
Sunday morning Service	6:45, 8:45
DAILY SERVICES:	
Monday and	
Tuesday Mornings	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Selichos	6:15 and 8:15
Wednesday Selichos	5:30 and 7:00
Services	6:30 and 8:00
Mincha	6:45

Followed by explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

man, F. Margulies, Charles Marshall, Julius Marx, M. Michel, David Minchenberg, Harry Miller, Jacob Nathanson, Dr. Adolf Neuman, Chas. Neuwirth, Martin G. Orlins, Philip Orlins, Joe Padawer, Miss Hannah Padawer, Max Perle, Max Pruzan, Jacob Rosenberg, Mrs. Tillie Rosenthal, Dr. Milton B. Rosett, Leo Rosner, Saul Rothfeld, Sam Rubel, Julius D. Shapiro, M. S. Schupf, Nathan Schweitzer, Arthur Schwartz, Jacob L. Simon, Jerry I. Stein, Mack C. Tanger, Louis Toll, Herbert Tumpowsky, Dr. Chas. A. Turtz, Edward Weinstein, Sigmund Werner, Irving Wiggs, David Wiggs.

FUTURE PLANS

The idea initiated by the Men's Club for the alteration of our building and improvement of our facilities has grown to such an extent that the firm of Katz, Waisman, Blumenkranz, Architects Associated, has been retained by the Men's Club and the Board of Directors to implement this project. They are now surveying the building with a view to present a master plan which will render our building usable to the fullest extent and at the same time enhance and beautify the entire structure.

This will involve the expenditure of a great deal of money, but the ultimate benefits to the Community and the Synagogue Family will be commensurate, we trust, with the financial outlay.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

You have no doubt read the story in last week's issue of this paper, about our Congregation adopting the Jewish Community in Grenoble, France, and of our donation to that community of a Sefer Torah and religious articles.

I am quite certain that you, our readers, must have experienced a feeling of pride and gratification at the action of our Board of Directors in aiding in an effective way some of our brethren abroad who have suffered so cruelly, physically and spiritually, at the hands of their persecutors.

All of us realize that to the Jew steeped in tradition, prayer to the Almighty, is a real comfort and solace in times of stress. It renews courage in the hearts of the helpless and raises the hopes of the most desperate. To furnish them with religious articles and prayer books is a real service.

It has always been the aim of our organization to render service to our people everywhere. The distance of thousands of miles does not prevent us from acts of kindness. We hope, with your help, to continue our good work.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year to all my friends.

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GETTING PERSONAL

The Congregation extends its very best wishes to our beloved President, Lester Udell, who is beginning the second half of his century. . . . Birthday cards may also be sent to Gabriel Goldstein, Etta Tema Gertz and to Judith Bendheim. . . . Welcome to Mr. David Cohen whom we were glad to see last Shabbos morning in the Synagogue. The same goes for Mr. Sam Rubel and to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Richman. However, we missed Adolph Meirowitz, one of our most regular standbys. . . . We hear that Pop Gordon has been indisposed last week and we hope and pray that he is fully recovered by now. . . . Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herring upon the anniversary of their wedding. . . . We extend our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lesser upon the engagement of their daughter Eleanor to Mr. Jay Stuart Frank and also to Dr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Wiggs upon the marriage of their son to Gloria Adelsdorf. . . . It was nice hearing Morty Langer's stentorian voice reciting the Maftir last Shabbos. . . . Rabbi Goldstein, Cardinal Spellman and Dr. Vincent Peale were invited to present their reactions as Jew, Catholic and Protestant on the subject of "The Faith of Our Times" for the "Good Housekeeping" magazine. . . . Congratulations to our Director Maurice Greenstein and to Mrs. Greenstein, the beloved President of our Women's League upon the marriage of their son Alvin to Betty Castleman. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ullman upon the engagement of their son, Lawrence Roy to Bonnie Ehrenhalt. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine were at Atlantic City for a much needed rest. . . . Sweet Annie (Laurie) R. Morris, — we miss you, — hobble or walk, we are anxious to see you!!! . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery go to Selig Edelman, our esteemed member. . . . Happy birthday to Marilyn, daughter of our Director and Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein. . . . Our very best wishes are extended to Harriette Z. Silverstein, sister of Dr. Irving Silverstein upon her engagement to Lt. Gustave Oremland. We think of both of them as children grown up in the work of the Synagogue. . . . A baby boy, Stephen Ian, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Greenman. Congratulations.

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