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A BUSINESSMAN DISCUSSES RUSSIA

By Israel Kestenbaum
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Part II

The Russian people are true friends if you befriend them and will repay every kindness a hundred-fold. Russians will give you their last shirt if they feel that you are their friend. But if you don't mean well or if you try to hurt them, they will feel it instinctively and will immediately shun you.

Every reasonable man will agree that during the years between World War I and World War II, the Russians frequently had sufficient cause to feel that the Western powers were not their friends. They made no secret of their feelings and they truly believed they were in mortal danger. I had a discussion with a Russian official soon after the outbreak of the war. I told him that some people felt that if Russia had not signed the non-aggression pact with Hitler, Germany would not have dared to plunge into war. That very pact, he said, had saved the world because otherwise Hitler would have attacked Russia first. This official was convinced that the Western powers, in their blind hatred of the Soviet Union, would have helped Hitler crush Russia. With Russia out of the way and all the vast Russian resources at its disposal, the world would have been easy prey for the mighty German war machine.

When Russia became involved in the war, this feeling changed. The Russian people forgot the animosities of the past. They thought that by being partners in the mortal struggle, by giving their lives by the millions, by experiencing untold sufferings and contributing everything they had to the defeat of the common foe, they would be accepted as equals by their comrades-in-arms. They hoped and expected that after having done so much to free the world from the Nazi-German menace, they would also find themselves freed of bias, persecution and antagonism from abroad and that a new era of friendship, trust and justice would open for them.

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SOCIAL DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY NIGHTS

Commencing with this Sunday night, and continuing through until June, the Club Council invites all the young people of the neighborhood to the Synagogue for its special Sunday night features.

On alternate Sundays, starting with this Sunday, there will be a revival of outstanding films to be followed by dancing, and on alternate Sundays starting with November 3rd, there will be a special Young Peoples Forum, which will be conducted in the same manner as the Town Hall of the Air. At these forums problems of interest to the young people will be the basis of the discussions.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

All the women of the Congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend a regular meeting of our Women's League and session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which will be held on Monday afternoon, October 28th, at 1:45 o'clock at our building. A social hour will follow the meeting.

ATTENTION PLEASE

We are anxious to interest sons and daughters of our readers in some of our groups. Will you please cooperate by filling in the following and return the same to us.

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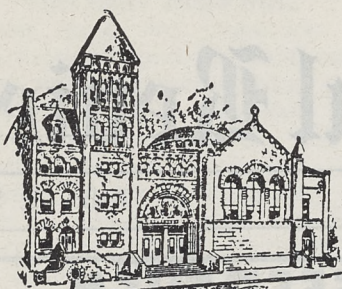
At the Sh'Mini Atzeres Service at the Synagogue there was an appeal for the Vaad Hatzala and Agudath Israel. The members of our Synagogue pledged over \$10,000 to these organizations. And of this we are proud. But no matter how much we give it is never too much.

The Agudath Israel, of which our own Lester Udell is the Chairman of the National Committee (Refugee-Immigration Division) has done some wonderful work in the past year. They have sent overseas over a million pounds of kosher food, in addition to 515,000 pounds of clothing and various religious articles that totalled over 29,000 items. All this is besides the work for rescue and immigration which is being carried on. This aid has brought relief to thousands of our fellow-Jews throughout the world and particular stress has been laid on the displaced persons camps in Germany, Austria and Italy.

We wish it were possible to bring to every person who has aided these causes, the words of gratitude that have come from these thousands of our suffering brethren who have been helped through our efforts. Their blessings upon those who have not forgotten them should serve as sufficient compensation to all of us who have had a hand in this work.

A New Year has begun and with it comes the repeated pleas from our destitute people. We had hoped

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SHOW THIS TO YOUR BUTCHER

Now that President Truman has lifted all meat controls on prices and rationing, what's going to happen to the price of kosher meat? Will our kosher meat dealers try to fleece the public with unwarranted high prices? If they do, we should like to propose to our people to take upon themselves the pledge of introducing at least one or two meatless days during the week, so as to cut down meat consumption. If there will be less buyers, the butchers will come to their senses. This shall be the first step in holding inflation. Other steps will follow by bringing into the neighborhood kosher butchers who will promise to sell at fair prices and listen to the regulations of the Rabbis. Some twenty odd butchers under the West Side Board of Kashrus, called the regulations of the Rabbis, Nazi rules. Now that the war is over, and the black market in meat is at an end, the day of reckoning should come. Of course, if the consuming public will heed the advice given in this column, we will bring order out of chaos and stricter regulations for kashrus. How about it, Mrs. Reader, and Mr. Kosher Butcher?



260th COMMANDMENT CONCERNING THE CURSING OF ONE'S FATHER AND MOTHER

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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This law against insulting one's parents prevails even after they are dead because this is an insult to the soul. The punishment for cursing is stoning. If one curses his parents without using the name of G-d he receives stripes the same way as if he had cursed any other human being. A child is also to be punished not only for cursing his parents but for any disrespect shown to them. This law prevails at all times, in all places, refers to male and female as well. Of course before one may be stoned there must be at least two witnesses and the son or daughter must be warned against breaking

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this Commandment and be told of the rigorous punishment involved.

261st COMMANDMENT CONCERNING THE PUNISHMENT BY BURNING

There are some punishments which involve burning, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 20, Verse 14, "If a man take his wife, also her mother, it is wickedness they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you." The severity of the punishment is to serve as a deterrent against incestuous relationships.

The method of this punishment by burning was as follows: The guilty ones were steeped in dung up to their knees and a muffler of a heavy material placed within a muffler of a soft material was wrapped around their necks and the two witnesses, (who saw the crime and pronounced the warning concerning this kind of death) would pull the opposite ends until the mouth of the guilty ones would open and then, there would be poured into their mouths liquid lead and tin. This, of course, would burn the intestines.

Capital punishment was carried out only in Palestine. If the court was derelict, it violated a positive commandment and their punishment was great.

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But they were quickly disillusioned. Even before the war was ended the old voices again started to make themselves heard. There were daily attacks on Russia's intentions, a revival of the pre-war bogey of Russian desire for world domination. Efforts were made to sow seeds of distrust and by the time the war was over the atmosphere was already poisoned against Russia to the extent that every move she made or demand she put forward was treated with suspicion and fear.

Take, for instance, the Polish boundary question. There was a strip of territory which for centuries belonged to Russia, and where the Ukrainians and Byelo-Russians were overwhelmingly in the majority. When the young Russian Republic was weak and powerless due to exhaustion from fighting its internal and external enemies, Polish nationalists gathered an army well-equipped with modern weapons, fell upon her, wrested this territory by sheer force of arms and, disregarding the protests by the Allies and the League of Nations, kept it.

When Russia, with the blood of

millions of her sons defeated Hitler and thus liberated Poland, the Polish government in London had the audacity to demand that Russia, then in possession of territory which she considered her own, clear out and hand it to Poland on a silver platter just because twenty years before Poland had grabbed it by force.

In the light of their standing as a world power and a partner in victory and in a spirit of give and take, in an atmosphere of confidence and mutual trust, the time would soon arrive when this troubled world would enjoy security, prosperity and lasting peace.

Some people may say that this article is written by a Russian agent. I wish to emphasize again that I am a plain businessman very far from being a Communist. I have never even read the "Daily Worker". I mind my business and my family. I never miss my daily prayers and have never mixed in politics. It is only because I fear that we are being led astray by professional politicians and because I think that I have some understanding of the Russian people that I am prompted to write this article in the hope that it may do some good.

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that by now they would have found some place of refuge but instead they are still living under as miserable circumstances as when they were liberated. Cables keep pouring into the offices of these organizations, pleading for aid and we should resolve, with the help of the Almighty, to answer these calls with a renewed effort to intensify our work.

SERVICE RENDERED

Close to 1600 people made kiddush in our Succah during the holidays. The speed with which all these worshippers were served and the ease with which the crowds were handled was due to the very efficient committee of volunteers. This included Mesdames Saul Bergman, Harry Cohen, Maurice Greenstein, Harold Kaplan, Jules Shaftan and the following: Morty Cohen, Rosalyn Fuchs, Josephine H. Goldstein, Naomi Goldstein, Bernice Jacobowitz, Ruth Kranz, Helene Langer, Max Lazarus, Tillie Lewton, Denise Merkin, Herbert Perlman, Zonia Prochnik, Harvey Shapiro, Kurt Stern, Susi Stern, Jack Verschleiser, Minnette Verschleiser, and Norman Serisky.

SCOUTING FOR BOYS OF ALL AGES

There is need of adult leaders to help the Scout Troop and Cub Pack sponsored by W.S.I.S., Ladies who will act as Den Mothers, and gentlemen who will act as Den Dads. Get interested in the Scout movement. It is a most worthwhile activity — call Jules Hausman, EN 2-7284.

CUB PACK 523

Boys from 9 to 12 years are urged to contact Jules Hausman, the new Cub Master, EN 2-7284, as soon as possible. Plans are being made for a grand and glorious season. There is room for a few more Cubs in Dens now being formed. Come with your parents to the ORGANIZATION MEETING, Wednesday, October 30, 1946, 7:30 P.M. at the W.S.I.S.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Eve.....4:43
Weekly Portion: Noah
Friday Evening Service 4:45
Saturday Morning Service 8:45
Junior Congregation10:00
Mincha Service 3:30
Chasanim Party 4:00
The Sabbath Terminates 5:25
Sunday morning Service6:45, 8:45
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Mincha 4:45
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by Rabbi Goldstein.

OUR LIBRARY

More books are needed for our library.

SUNDAY MORNING HEBREW CONVERSATION GROUP

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Last week I wrote about the appeal in our Synagogue on Yom Kippur made on our own behalf. Today I am happy to write about an appeal made in our Synagogue, not for ourselves, but for two institutions doing excellent work for our unfortunate brethren in Europe.

On Sh'Mini Atzeres, Rabbi Goldstein and President Lester Udell spoke eloquently for Vaad Hatzala and Refugee Immigration Division of Agudath Israel. Both of these organizations are engaged in the work of aiding the distressed and suffering Jewish people abroad.

Those who were present responded most liberally with their pledges. Those who were not present in the Synagogue on Thursday morning, will, I am sure, want to join in the kind deed of rendering succor to the weary and worn souls.

We ask of you, our readers, to show your sympathetic hearts and kind dispositions, by sending us your contributions. In order to make certain that your money will be used for that purpose, please mark your remittance to "West Side Institutional Synagogue, Relief Fund", and we will set it aside for transmission to these organizations. Please do it now.



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GETTING PERSONAL

To one of the outstanding young men of our congregation, Morty Cohen, we extend our heartiest congratulations. We have just been informed that Morty has passed his C.P.A. exams. . . . Simchas Torah is a day of happiness and rejoicing. Our congregation was filled with the "spirit" of the holiday, and in no small way, due to our President Lester Udell, who was host. . . . This Saturday afternoon, our other two Chasanim, Gustave Roth and Adolph Meirowitz, will be hosts to the congregation after Mincha Service. We have no doubt that "spirits" again will run high. . . . And while we're still talking about Simchas Torah we want to thank the Women's League for donating the goodies, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein for packing the candy, Mrs. Harry Cohen and Mrs. Elias Merkin for their help in distributing the bags to the children, and to Harold Kaplan, Harvey Shapiro and Jack Verschleiser for their help in distributing the flags donated by Mrs. Jess Ward. . . . We are always very happy when we have the opportunity to congratulate one of the young people of the Synagogue. This time our congratulations go to Naomi Ruth Goldstein who was just elected to Arista. . . . We have heard that Roslyn Klein has broken her arm. We hope that she will recover rapidly. . . . We also wish Mrs. I. Stein a speedy recovery from her illness. . . . This week our birthday greetings go to Denise Merkin, Alan Fox, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mrs. Jack Levine, Samuel W. Siegal, Ellen Mae and Jane Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greenfield. . . . Our Wedding Anniversary greetings go to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blankfort. . . . Now that the holiday season is over, we can look back and see what wonderful services we had. For the decorum and orderliness of those services we owe a great deal of thanks to our staff of ushers, and take these few lines to publicly thank them. They included Max Lazarus, our chief usher and Moses Jack Berlin, Morty Cohen, Hank Epstein, Leonard Feinstein, Fred and Sam Flaks, Eddie Fertel, Gabby Goldstein, Harold Kaplan, Alexander Kirsh, and Sons Nathan Kirsh and Robert Kirsh, Lester A. Lazarus, Herbert Perlman, Harvey Shapiro, Buddy Udell, Jack Verschleiser, Sammy Ward and Danny Weiss. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Lunitz on their wedding anniversary.

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