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REGISTER NOW FOR COURSES IN THE LAYMAN'S INSTITUTE

Rabbi Goldstein and the Faculty to confer Degree of Chaver upon completion of courses.

All men and women who desire to enrich their knowledge of Judaism are urged to register in the Layman's Institute. Registration for the Fall Term will be held all day Sunday, November 16th, and Monday, November 17th. Classes will begin on Monday night, November 17th, at 8:30. The tuition is \$3.00 per course and \$1.00 for registration. (For each additional course taken, the tuition is reduced to \$2.00.) You may register by mail, checking the course preferred.

List of Courses

- ☐ **What is Orthodox Judaism?**
by Rabbi Goldstein
(Monday Evening at 8:30)

The purpose of this course is to afford an open discussion on the various aspects of the Jewish religion.

- ☐ **Beginners Hebrew**
by S. Konowitch
(Thursday Evening at 8:30)

This course is designed to acquaint pupils with a reading knowledge of Hebrew so that they may be able to follow the Services in our Congregation.

- ☐ **Intermediate Hebrew**
by Mr. Wadler
(Thursday Evenings at 8:30)

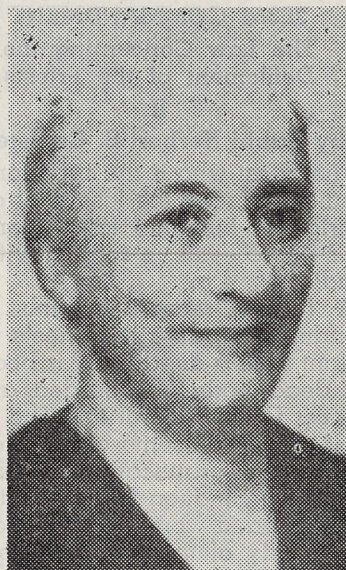
This course is intended to meet the problem of those who know how to read Hebrew but do not know how to translate their prayers. Both, a general knowledge of Hebrew grammar and a limited vocabulary, will enable the student to comprehend his prayers more readily.

- ☐ **Advanced Hebrew**
by Miss Shurin
(Thursday Evenings at 8:30)

This course is intended for those who have had some training in elementary Hebrew Grammar. Special emphasis will be put upon acquiring a working vocabulary, developing conversational ability, and writing short compositions and letters.

MRS. EDWARD JACOBS TO OPEN MONDAY NIGHT FORUMS

Mrs. Jacobs who spent four months in Palestine during the present troubled times and has just returned will give her IMPRESSIONS.



Mrs. Edward Jacobs

The Layman's Institute, one of the most popular cultural features of the Synagogue, will be resumed this Monday Night. Following the class there will be an address by Mrs. Jacobs, our guest of the evening.

Mrs. Jacobs is one of the most energetic and prominent figures in the organization of Zionist work in America.

From 1930 to 1937 she was National President of Hadassah, of which she was one of the earliest members. At the present time she has the distinction of being the only woman member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

There are few people in America who are as well qualified to speak on current Zionist problems as Mrs. Jacobs. The possessor of an ardent, warm personality, she has been in direct contact with the Zionist homeland. Since she first visited Palestine on her wedding trip, she has been there more than a dozen times. In America she has undertaken lecture tours from coast to coast. In the various cities where she has resided, more than eight, she has done noble work in inspiring the Jewish communities with the ideals of Zionism.

The large attendance at our Monday Night Forum will be an indication of our interest in Current Events. This year's series of programs promises to be more interesting than ever before, and of that we are proud.

goodwill, cooperation and unity, social justice and tolerance which have become forces today.

- ☐ **The Ethical Contributions of Jews and Judaism to World Progress**

by Dr. S. B. Hoenig

(Wednesday Evenings at 8:30)

This course will be a study of the development of ethical living as based upon the Bible and the later Talmudic works. Neither the legal or ritual aspects of Jewish life will be unfolded; rather the rules of ethical conduct of individuals, of groups and of nations as taught by our sages through the inspiration of the Divine Being. An analysis of the attitude toward the protection of the weak, capital and labor, responsibility and conscience, free will, the meaning of doing a "Mitzvah" and the efficacy of ethical Teshubah will be made. The Hebrew Ethical Wills, so popular in the Medieval Period, will also be discussed. This study will also entail an analysis of the features of the Musar Movement in Jewish History and the aspects of

- ☐ **The Basic Foundations of Jewish Life as Revealed in Rabbinic Works**

by Dr. S. B. Hoenig

(Thursday Evenings at 8:30)

Selected texts of the Mishna will be studied in their English translation to illustrate their religious, social, economic, and moral significance. The development of the Oral Law as a fulfillment of and commentary on the Bible will be illustrated in particular, with the purpose of demonstrating the fusion of Law and Life in Judaism.

Application for Laymen's Institute

I wish to register for the courses I have checked.

Name

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EVERY LEARNED JEW

Every learned American knows his history and literature. So too, should every learned Jew know his history and literature. Our Rabbi in the "Ethics of the Fathers" epitomized the need for learning as follows, "An ignorant man cannot be a pious person."

Learning without piety is like a beautiful fruit tree, failing to yield fruit. Piety without learning is like a lecturer on law, who does not consult the text-book for the laws and their sources. The complete Jew is a combination of learning and piety. In the daily "Ahava Rabba" prayer, we declare that we may "learn and observe and practise all the words of Thy Law, with love."

The Laymen's Institute gives to adults a marvellous opportunity both to learn the Divine contributions to civilization through Judaism, and to refresh their knowledge of our history, Bible, Talmud, Ethics and Philosophy. There is only one drawback, namely, the chance to become a cultured Jew is practically at our doorstep. No travel or great expense is involved.

We strongly urge and advise our readers to register for at least one course, which is given by an expert in his particular field of learning.



263rd COMMANDMENT The Law Concerning the Defilement of the Priests II

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The priest who is the superior man should not need the lesson of death to frighten him into faith, therefore he is not to come in contact with the dead.

A further reason for this commandment bidding the priests to be distant from a dead body is because the dead body is regarded as the highest form of impurity. The body itself which presents as a rule desire for the gratification of passion and the inclination for evil is therefore regarded worse than that of the dead body of the animal. For the body of a human being can and does more harm than the most fero-

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cious animal in keeping the soul back from good and urging it to do harm. This is why the dead body of a human being is called

אבי אבות הטומאה

"grandfather of uncleanness."

The reason that the Bible permits the Priest to busy himself with the seven near relatives is because they are of the same flesh and "the ways of the Torah are ways of pleasantness and her paths are paths of peace and contentment" (Book of Proverbs). Therefore our religion does not want to give the Priest any mental suffering that would bar him from being in the presence of his near and dear ones in death.

"Contact with the dead defiles and, for the time being, renders a priest unfit to perform his duties. The law only held good when the dead person was one of his seven near relatives. In the case of an unattended dead body of a מת מצוה 'friendless man,' everyone, even a High Priest or a Nazirite, had to busy himself with the last rites."

The laws of this commandment are that the כהן "the Priest" become ritually unclean if he came in contact with the dead by מונע "touching it directly or indirectly or by נושא "carrying it" or באוהל by being in the same "tent" with it.

THIS WEEK IN THE SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY

"Detinu" — 8:30 P. M. Council Room: A Social Group for boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 16.

SUNDAY

"Blue 'N White" — 2:00 P. M. Young men and women between the ages of 17 and 21. This week features a trip to the Museum of Modern Art. The club will meet in a group at the Synagogue.

"613" — 2:30 P.M. Council Room: Young men and women between the ages of 21 and 29. A discussion on Methods to combat Anti-Semitism will be followed by dancing.

"Bachad" — 8:30 P.M. Council Room: Young men and women above the age of 21.

"Open House" — 8:30 P.M. Social Hall. This week will feature a Round Table Forum for the Young People. A stimulating and interesting evening is in the offing.

ADDITIONAL DONORS TO THE SHEMINI AZERES APPEAL

We have already received \$7,700 of the \$10,000, that was pledged by the Congregation as a result of the appeal in our Synagogue on behalf of Vaad Hatzala and Agudas Israel, Refugee and Immigration Division. The following have sent their donations since last week.

A. B. Block, M. Bystritzki, Mrs. Jack Cohen, B. Engel, Moses Feuerstein, Max Frank, Myron Friedlander, Paul Garfunkel, Samuel Greenman, Mrs. B. Koch, Joseph Landowne, Estelle Lansberger, Jack Levine, Harry Mirkin, Ulrich Muhlmann, Ephraim Samson, Harry Schetzen, Lester Udell, Harry Verschleiser, Joseph Wasserstrom, Master Michael Wohlberg.

EXECUTIVE BOARD LUNCHEON

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Mrs. Lester Udell and Mrs. George L. Livingston were the gracious hostesses at a very lovely Luncheon which they tendered to our entire Executive Board last week at our building. Their hospitality was sincerely appreciated by all who were present.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Open Meeting — Guest Speaker

Book Review

All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend the next Open Meeting of our Women's League, which will be held on Monday afternoon, Nov. 18th, at 1:30 o'clock at our Synagogue building.

The fascinating Mrs. Selma Burnett Snyder will present "Sign Posts of the Future".

Mrs. Joseph Landowne and Mrs. Max E. Sanders will be the hostesses at the Social Hour following the meeting, in honor of the recent engagement of their son and daughter, respectively.



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 Weekly Portion: Chaye Sarah
 Friday Evening Service 4:30
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's
 Talmud Class 3:30
 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:30
 Mincha Service 4:30
 Reader of Torah: Herbert Perlman
 Reader of Service: Morty Cohen
 Speaker: Arnold Oshrin
 The Sabbath Terminates 5:05
 Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45

DAILY SERVICES:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
 Mincha 4:30

Followed by the Explanation
 of the Shulchan Aruch
 by Rabbi Goldstein

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

The plans for the improvement and renovation of our building, initiated by the Men's Club, and taken up by the Board of Directors of the W.S.I.S., are being diligently studied.

The Architects retained for preparing an over-all plan — Katz, Waisman, Blumenkranz, Architects Associated — have submitted blueprints and blow-ups. Keen interest and lively discussion have resulted.

Naturally, in a large membership, a great many ideas are being advanced, new suggestions are made, and criticisms are offered. All of these have to be analyzed and their merits judged. This situation tends to slow up the progress now being made.

You, our readers, interested in the success of this project, will readily agree, that it is more advantageous to advance slowly at this stage and to explore all angles thoroughly with an open mind, than to make speed without careful and deliberate thought. There are a few who counsel speed, because of the necessity of the improvement. Caution, however, indicates the wisdom of proceeding slowly.

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GETTING PERSONAL

For the past few weeks we have been running a little insert in our Review to the effect that more books are needed for our library. This week we received a large package of brand new books from Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herring. Have you sent any books in yet? . . . Elections were held last week by the Blue N' White Club. Herman Bosboom and Renee Gross were elected Co-Presidents, Bernice Jacobowitz was elected Secretary and Micky Stein Treasurer. . . . Congratulations to Michael Blankfort, son of our Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort, whose book "Widow Makers" has been published. It is an Inner Sanctum suspense special. . . . We missed Sol Redlich in Schule last Shabbos. . . . Rabbi Goldstein delivered a lecture, in our Synagogue last week, to a group of Methodist Ministers from 40 different cities in the U.S.A., on the idea of an Institutional Synagogue. In addition, the Drew Theological Seminary sent some of its students to attend the lecture. . . . This week our birthday greetings go to our Director Moses J. Berlin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Eugene Bergman, Mrs. Julius Rosan, Jerry Kammerman, Mr. S. Bellsey and Barbara Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Feld. . . . Our Wedding Anniversary Greetings go to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Weiss. . . . Seen working overtime at the Synagogue Sunday Morning, for which I am sure they were not collecting overtime, were Irving Kobrin and Louis Reisman. . . . If you have to go up to the Junior Congregation some Saturday Morning and notice what a fine service they have you can thank Morty Cohen. He is doing a wonderful job. . . . This week we take pleasure in adding the names of the following as members of the W.S.I.S.: Aaron Bernstein, David Bienstock, Samuel Blumberg, Nathan Fink, Harry Goldberg, Michael Goldmuntz, Maurice Krengel, Lester A. Lazarus, James J. Liebman, Sylvester J. Lieberman, Mrs. Elias Merkin, Nat. N. Nast, Jack Schwartz, Jules M. Wellner. . . . Don't miss the opportunity. Take one or more courses in the Laymen's Institute. . . . Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. David Cohen upon the engagement of his daughter Elaine Joffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Joffe. . . . Those of you who would like to give some of your extra clothes to the needy in Europe, can have them picked up by Agudath Israel, if you will call Mr. Marcus H. Friedmann, RI 9-2335.

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