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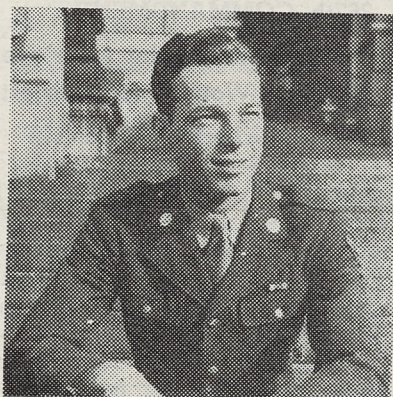
Let me make this clear: I do not speak of "assimilated" Jews only. These are pagan Jews indeed, living up (more or less successfully) to the doctrine that we have to adapt ourselves to "non-Judaism". But they are not the only ones to do that.

When I gave up the idea that it is enough for a Jew to announce his allegiance to the Jewish nation; when I realized that he also has to share in its cultural inheritance; and when I finally demanded that he, above all, enter into its religious spirit—I also came to realize that the Jewish nationalist who does not do that, is still assimilated to the paganism of the modern world.

It is not only their practices which reveal them as rebels. It is just as much their dreams and aspirations. In their affirmation of Jewish nationhood they are merely concerned with questions of national prestige and power, but by no means with spiritual issues. There is no acceptance of the basic Jewish ideals of a "God-nationhood based on common loyalty and service to the Master of human destinies; where a faint trace of this idea appears, it assumes the modern form of "God-seeking" or, even worse, "God-inventing". For the Jewish nationalists, the Jewish land is not the land given by God to our people so that it may there live for Him, but merely a historic domicile in which we can live "like all the nations". For them, the Hebrew language is not the language of Holy Writ, expressing the profound pathos of universal humanity, but merely the language of a certain people. They do not demand national rights and autonomy in the diaspora as an opportunity to live as a community dedicated to God, with its own religious culture,

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YOUNG FOLK'S COUNCIL



HAROLD UDELL, PRES.

Following the wonderfully successful Chanukah Party last week, due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of Ethel Barbara Joseph, Louis Kaplan and Morty Cohen, the newly organized Young Folk's Council of the W.S.I.S., is on its way to a banner season.

After a short discussion on the history and significance of Chanukah, the Candle-lighting Ceremony was observed. The meeting terminated with the singing of Mo-oz-Tsur by the entire group, followed by a social. Rabbi Goldstein was superb in his address on "Chanukah in a Christian Environment."

The plans for the season which are now being formulated include, philanthropic work for Jewish Activities in this country and in Palestine, cooperation with the Committee on Orthodox Jewish Education of the West Side, classes on topics of Judaism, and generally the promulgation of all things Jewish. All the Young People of the Congregation are invited to participate in the activities of the group.

CHEVRA KADISHA

The next meeting of the Chevra Kadisha will take place at the Synagogue, Monday night, Dec. 30, 1946, at 8:15 P.M.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER MARCH 2, 1947

There is one night in the year 1947 that should appear marked in your calendar as "Reserved." Reserved for a night at the Metropolitan Opera House to attend the full performance of the opera, "Madame Butterfly." The night will be filled with enchanting music and outstanding singing. It will be a night that would bring pleasure to anyone, and you will have the added satisfaction of knowing that you have aided your Synagogue in continuing its outstanding work.

You can procure your tickets, which range from \$2.50 to \$20.00 each, and Boxes which seat 8 at \$100.00, by writing to the Synagogue office. The early reservations will receive the choice seats.

WELCOME HOME TO OUT-OF-TOWN COLLEGE STUDENTS

Friday Night Reunion

Sabbath Morning Special Services

Under the auspices of the West Side Institutional Synagogue Young Folk's Council, a special Welcome Home Reunion is to be held at the home of Myra Greenman, 17 West 71st Street on Friday evening, December 27th at 8:15 o'clock for the out-of-town college young men and women of our Synagogue who are coming home for their mid-winter vacation. Our own Rabbi Goldstein will be the guest of honor and an exciting and enlightening evening is in store for all who attend.

Sabbath Morning Special Services

All the college boys and girls of our congregation are invited to this reunion as well as to the Special Services which will be held at our Synagogue on Saturday morning, December 28th. Rabbi A. Kellner of Albany will occupy the pulpit and present a message of particular interest to college students.



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RELIGIOUS JEWS AND PALESTINE

Many of us have looked upon the Zionists with mingled feelings of dissatisfaction. We regard their efforts as nationalistic and secularistic. However, we must ask ourselves the question, "What are we doing for the Holy Land?" It must be said to the great credit of the Zionists that they have worked, sacrificed and have made great propaganda whilst we sat on the sidelines criticizing their non-religious efforts.

An opportunity is given to religious Jewry now to waken to its own responsibility by contributing to the American Religious Palestine Fund which is the united fund for the Mifal Lemaan Yalde Yisrael (which helps to rear about 800 orphan children); the Keren Hayishuv (which helps to support 17 schools, and aids 10,000 Poalim) and Kfar Achiezer, a new colony which will house large numbers of refugees.

Rabbi Goldstein has been named Chairman of this Fund. We are sure that our readers will be glad to cooperate with him in this very worthwhile effort.



267th COMMANDMENT

The Law Concerning the Marriage of A Profaned Woman to A Priest

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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The daughter of an Israelite, who married a profane woman, may marry a כהן 'a priest.' In such cases we go after the father as we read in the Bible in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 1, Verse 18, "Their pedigrees shall be after their families by the house of **their fathers.**" However, when the "kidushin קדושין" "the marriage" contract is invalid like in the case of intermarriage, then the pedigree follows that of the mother. In other words, if a Jewish girl intermarried, even if the hus-

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band had not become a Jew, her child is a Jew or Jewess. On the other hand, if a Jewish man married a non-Jewish girl and she has not become a Jewess then the child is not a Jew. To recapitulate where קדושין "marriage" has been consummated, and no law is broken, (by reason of the marriage) then the standing or pedigree of the child always goes after the father. Where there is קדושין "kidushin" marriage,

ויש עבירה הולכין אחר הפסול which is legal, as for instance in the case of a ממזר an illegitimate male (one born of an incestuous marriage), if he marries a Jewish girl then the child follows the פסול "the unfit one", namely the father. If the mother was an illegitimate child, ממזרת the child would follow her status. But in the case of

אין קדושין ויש עבירה וולד כמותה as in the case of intermarriage then the child is always like the mother.

The other details of this law are to be found in the Talmud Kiddushin and Yevamos. This law is to prevail at all times and at all places and a priest who trespassed this law and married a profaned woman and had intercourse with her received stripes.

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but only in order to imitate the newest nationalistic fashions. The actions and achievements which issue from such goals and demands (no matter how significant in themselves) can never correspond to the true nature of the Jew, can never lead to Jewish self-realization, but will always represent a pagan rebellion in Jewish garb.

What goes for the modern Jewish nationalists of Western Europe, also applies to their Eastern European fellows-in-arms. I must give them even more credit than to the others. I respect the great Hebrew and Yiddish writers, who draw their power from the eternal font of Jewish life, even though they do not share in its profound and fervent faith and great religious self-discipline. I also acknowledge that particularly the younger generation among them seeks the spiritual soul of the Jewish people; they have not fallen prey to the fallacy of those nationalists who are proud of the sacred Jewish past, but in effect, deny this past by excluding our spiritual traditions

from their own picture of national life.

MANY THANKS

We offer a special vote of thanks to Kenneth Joseph for the masterful way in which he directed the show, that contributed such a great deal toward the success of our adult Chanukah Party last Sunday night.

We offer our thanks, too, to the artists who performed so well. There was John De Francesco, who appeared through the courtesy of the radio program, "Gallantry Unlimited," a program designed to assist handicapped artists, produced by Hal Lebow. Mr. Francesco is a protege of Ezio Pinza and a student of Benjamino Gigli; Betty Sanders, renowned Folk Singer who has appeared on leading radio shows as well as many Town Hall Recitals in conjunction with the Midnight Special Hootnannys. And Dr. Otto Herz who accompanied Mr. De Francesco.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Something New Has Been Added to Our Talmud Torah Curriculum

We proudly announce that a **Talmud Class** has been formed for our High School students. It meets on Sunday mornings from 11 to 12 under the guidance of our principal. The "mesichta" taught is "Baba Kama" third perek. All high school students are cordially invited.

The following children have made the honor roll.

Aaron Tomares, Lillian Pruzen, Mitchell Wein, Arthur Lieberman, Peter Gordy, Gerald Chiebnick, Ralph Friedner, Yonina Yavneh, Martin Ellenbogen, Emanuel Axelrod, Reginald Werner, Marilyn Kaf-tal, Sheldon Hart, Norman Serisky, Jay Jaboson, Donald Bergman, Martin Sage.

TO MEMBERS OF W. S. I. S.

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a domestic religious corporation, will be held on Monday evening, January 6, 1947 at 8:30 o'clock at 120-138 West 76th Street, New York City, for the purpose of electing trustees and directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Saturday Morn. Service9:00 A.M.

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Mincha Service4:25 P.M.

The Sabbath terminates

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Reader of Service: Gabriel Goldstein

Speaker: Phineas Kadushin

The Sabbath Terminates: 5:03 P.M.

Sunday Morn. Service6:45, 8:45

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Early this month, Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Opera Committee, sent a letter to all members and friends of our institution, informing them of the Benefit Performance of "Madame Butterfly" at the Metropolitan Opera House, on March 2, 1947. In response to that letter, a gentleman called at the office, and paid for two Orchestra seats, and said:

"I received Mr. Settel's letter and am very glad to aid in the work you are doing by taking tickets for the opera. I will not be in town on March 2nd, as I expect to be in Florida for my winter vacation. I realize however, that the work of this institution must go on. It seems to me unfair to go on a vacation and thereby cause a loss to the Synagogue. Thanks to the Almighty I can afford to go to Florida, and can also afford to buy tickets as well, and give them away."

I hope that you, our readers, will agree with me, that these sentiments expressed by a sincere friend, are worthy of emulation, and that each one of you will take tickets for the Opera.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Harold to Sue Marsh. . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Benjamin Landau, daughter of our Matriarch, Mrs. Regina Margareten. . . Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky upon the marriage of their daughter, Jean to Norman Jaspin. And by the way, a special congratulations goes to Dr. Rafsky who was elected Chairman of the Medical Board of the Beth Israel Hospital. . . A vote of thanks to Alex Kirsch for the books that he donated to the Synagogue for our library. . . Those of you who attended the wonderful Chanukah party at the Synagogue last Sunday night must have noticed the beauty of the Social Hall. It was the Women's League who had the Hall painted, especially for the occasion. For the swell decorating our thanks go to Mrs. Charles I. Karasik and her daughter Rosalind. . . We are happy to know that Harold Udell is on the mend after his recent operation. . . We are pleased to welcome into our fold the following, who have become members of the Synagogue; Nathan Evans, Eli M. Leftin, Samuel Scheiner, Nathan Topor and K. Weitzman. . . Many thanks to Morty Langer who donated the sweaters that were awarded at the Young Folks Council, Chanukah Party, last Sunday afternoon. . . We thank Abe Glaser for his donation to the Vaad Hatzala and Agudas Israel. . . Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Morsoff are ill. We hope that they will have a very speedy recovery. . . Due to illness Max Sanders was not in Schule Shabbus. We missed him, and hope he will get well quickly. . . This week our wedding anniversary greetings go to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond. . . Our birthday greetings go to William Ball, Mrs. Regina Margareten, Gerald Bruce Weiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Weiss, Mrs. Annie Mirken and Dr. Gerald Blankfort. . . Have you reserved your tickets yet for "MADAME BUTTERFLY?"

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