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"CONFESSIONS"

By Dr. Nathan Birnbaum

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THE MESSIANIC GOAL

How can we escape from our guilt? It seems to me, when I first posed this question, that we had above all, to uncover the source of our failure. This I found in the Jew's attitude towards the Messianic ideal.

There must come a time when God will hearken to man's longing to be saved from the tragedy of these contradictions, from the pains of failure. The divine plan of world government must provide for this salvation — otherwise the creation of this strange human race, belonging to our world, yet possessed of a divine spark of immortality, would be meaningless. The divine spark cannot remain hidden away in the half-shadow of secluded obscurity but must, one day, illuminate all our life. Just as the world of nature knows of cosmic upheavals, **so there will be an upheaval in the realm of human affairs.** The ordinary development of mankind can only promote earthly, human values and ideals, but "the end of days" will pass beyond these, to grant man a "new heart".

All this seemed to me natural and necessary. However, I also realized that it can only be a human being, one man, who will bring salvation unto humanity. It will be a towering personality to whom God gives the greatest mission in world history: with unsurpassed spiritual energy to conquer the souls of millions of men and of their descendants, to redeem each one individually and to bring them all together into the covenant of redeemed humanity.

Yet, I realized, the achievements of this great messenger of God cannot but stand in relationship to the human struggle against sin! The blessing of salvation will not come unmerited, it must be gained by human endeavor: by the pains of sin, the struggle with it, the longing to overcome it; by hard labor—through which the towering heights of vir-

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DR. BERNARD LANDER TO ADDRESS YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL SUNDAY

JUNIOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Blossom Minchenberg Grayson will preside at the next meeting of our Junior Women's League which is to be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 14th at two o'clock sharp at our building.

The business part of the meeting will include the report of the Nominating Committee and Discussion of the "Overseas Layette Project."

A social hour including games and refreshments will follow the business part of the meeting.

All the young married women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

MARCH 2, 1947

Just a reminder at this point to all of our readers who intend to purchase tickets for our Benefit Performance of the Entire Opera, "Madame Butterfly" at the Met on March 2, 1947. All of you, we know, want choice seats, but you must remember that those who buy their's first, get the best. So if you have kept putting it off till tomorrow, we suggest that you make your reservations at the earliest possible moment, and not be disappointed later.

Mother - Daughter Tea

Helena Rubenstein's Associate to
Address our Women's League

On Monday afternoon, January 13th at two o'clock, our Women's League will hold a Mother and Daughter Tea at our building.

Helena Rubenstein's Associate will give a talk and demonstration on "Beauty, Charm and Personality."

All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.



DR. BERNARD LANDER

Following the huge success of its Chanukah Party, and more recently the Oneg Shabot, the Young People's Council is very proud to have as its guest speaker Dr. Bernard Lander, Associate Director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity.

Dr. Lander besides being on the Mayor's Committee is also a member of the faculty of Hunter College. He was the author of the Report on Discrimination in Higher Education which was the basis of the present City Council Investigation; and of a report recommending a State University in New York which resulted in Governor Dewey's appointing a State Commission headed by Owen D. Young to investigate its advisability.

The meeting will begin at 2:30 P. M. promptly at the Synagogue.

MEN'S CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Men's Club Monday evening, January 13th, at 8:30 P.M., at the Synagogue.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting time of Rabbi Hoenig's class in Mishna and Ethics has been changed to Tuesday nights.



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DISCIPLINE

The dark ages of Jewish history is the Biblical period described in the last verse of the Book of Judges as follows: "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes." This is a condition prevalent in Jewry to-day. The existence of the many parties in Israel is testimony of the breakdown of unity in Jewish tradition. Within the groups themselves there are as many phases of disloyalty, almost, as there are congregations. But why not look at our own shortcomings in the orthodox group? When there is a Bar Mitzvah in a non-orthodox synagogue, many of our people will trot over to this place without realizing that by their very presence, they are condoning the break from historic Judaism and evidence a lack of discipline. Orthodox Judaism has its laws; the other factions have no Code whatsoever. Orthodox Jews always consulted their Law for direction. No man is a law unto himself. Disregard of the Law brings about Spiritual Anarchy. We call for more discipline within our own ranks.



269th COMMANDMENT The Consecration of the Priest By Herbert S. Goldstein

I

The seed of Aaron, namely the כהן the Priest is to be consecrated for all the holy things that he is to handle and for the offering of the sacrifice. So also, he is to be given the honor of having priority in regard to any holy service. Even if he refuses the honor, he is not to be listened to, because in honoring the כהן G-d is honored, since he was chosen by Him for His service.

This commandment may be found in Leviticus, Chapter 21, Verse 8, "And thou shalt consecrate him for all matters of sanctification. The Rabbis say in the Talmud in Gittin

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59b that when he (the priest) is in company with his equals (namely where there is no Rabbi or scholar greater than he) he should be the first one called up to the reading of the Torah, and should be honored with the privilege of leading in the saying of the grace after the meals. At the present time since the line of demarcation between the varying degrees of scholarship is not very clear the priest is invariably called up first to the reading of the Biblical portion in order to eliminate quarrels at the reading of the Torah. If he also were poor, he was to receive priority from the tithe given to the needy, in Temple times. This commandment includes even the priest who may have a physical blemish, which would make him unfit for the service in the Temple. However, the whole seed of Aaron is regarded as sanctified.

The purpose of this Mitzvah is apparent, namely that if one wants to honor G-d, His ministers should be honored in the same way as we do for instance in regard to a President or a King or an Emperor. When we honor their ministers, we are honoring them and the heads of the government, they represent.

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tue are slowly climbed.

And finally, I also realized that there has to be one people which should march at the head of the nations in this hard struggle. Its selection does not mean the rejection of the other people: they can enter into the mercy of God by serving Him in other forms, with other symbols; the granting of the divine Law to the Jew is only the means of pointing out, to them all, the royal road that leads to the Messianic goal. The Jewish people has produced the noblest heralds of holiness, men who attained an unsurpassed spirituality in their craving for salvation; and the man of the "end of days", who will bring about the supreme, the only lasting achievement of world history, will be the greatest of these men, a son of their people, and—by his achievement—will lift it from its lowliness.

I was not surprised to note that the pagan Jews, if they did not reject, had crippled this glorious Messianic conception. The idea of a divinely sent personal Messiah fol-

lows quite logically from the historic sequence of Jewish messengers of the spirit; but there has been put in its place the fiction that the Jewish people as a whole is the Messiah. Instead of the longed-for act of redemption, involving the resurrection of Israel, the liberal-ethical ideal of cultural progress has been set up—to be realized by assimilation and apostasy, stock exchange and journalism—summed up in the phrase of the "special Jewish mission."

Our time calls for deeds. It demands that we rid ourselves of the faintness which besets our Messianic faith—that we make up for old sins of omission, and rededicate ourselves to the supreme goal of self-sanctification.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt condolence to the family of
BENJAMIN MORSOFF
our esteemed member, upon their tragic loss.

And to the family of
FLORENCE S. PARKER
who gave her home to the Women's League "For a Day in the Country" project.

BAR MITZVAH THIS WEEK



JACK WOHL

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Wohl upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jack, this Shabbus at our Synagogue.



CHEVRA KADISHA

We are pleased to announce that the Chevra Kadisha is now fully organized. The Secretary, Henry L. Kessler, can be reached from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. at PL 3-7500, Ext. 188; after 6 P.M. at EN 2-7275.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Eve.4:27
 Weekly Portion: Sh'mohs
 Friday Evening Service4:35
 Saturday Morning Service9:00
 Junior Congregation10:00 A.M.
 Rabbi Hurwitz's
 Talmud Class3:30
 Isaac Allen's
 Talmud Class3:30
 Mincha Service4:30
 Reader of Torah: David Buchsbaum
 Reader of Service: Jack Verschleiser
The Sabbath Terminates: 5:10
 Sunday Morn. Service6:45, 8:45
Daily Services
 Mornings6:45, 8:00, 8:30
 Mincha4:40
 Followed by the Explanation
 of the Shulchan Aruch
 by Rabbi Goldstein



SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

The young men of the Congregation of college age or over, who are interested in joining the newly formed Senior Basketball Team, should contact Ned Kirsh, at 125 West 76th Street, Tel. EN 2-3198, or Tuesday evening at the Synagogue.

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By Morris Jablow

On Tuesday, December 31st, 1946, the same day that the President of the United States issued a proclamation that hostilities have ended, we closed our War-Bonds account and have discontinued the agency for the issuance of Bonds.

It is with a feeling of pride that we can report that during the war years we transacted an over-the-counter business in "E" bonds of small denominations of \$25.00 and up, amounting to \$370,475.00. This does not include the hundreds of thousands of dollars in subscriptions for "F", "G", and other bonds handled in our office.

Because of the bonds sold through us, several ambulance airplanes and hospital trains had the name "West Side Institutional Synagogue" inscribed upon them. A number of citations were awarded to us by the Treasury Department in recognition of our work in selling bonds.

I am confident that you, our readers, will share with us the feeling of satisfaction that we as a Synagogue have made some patriotic contribution to the common cause, and thereby have reflected credit upon a traditional Jewish institution.

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GETTING PERSONAL

The astronomers of the United States, together with many visitors from Europe, met in Boston last week to discuss their work, and to plan future research of great value.

Dr. Jesse L. Greenstein, son of our Director & Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, of the Yerkes Observatory of the University of Chicago presented one of the papers at the symposium on the Properties of Interstellar Matter, held at the Harvard College Observatory. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine upon the engagement of their son Joshua to Miss Florence Beller. . . . Along the same note, our congratulations also go to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph L. Simon upon the engagement of their daughter Helene Marcia, to Mr. Joseph A. Elhart. . . . A very pleasant vacation to Herman Herring who has gone to Florida. . . . We were very happy to see Adolph Meiwitz back in Schule after an absence of a few weeks. . . . We were also very happy to see the entire Goodman family in Schule Shabbus. . . . We were extremely pleased to see Mossette, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Glaser, who paid her first visit to the Synagogue Shabbus, and behaved like a perfect lady. . . . Back from vacations this week were the Udells, Bellsey, Langer, the Lazarus and the Siegel families. . . . The best of luck to Mr. and Mrs. Hank Epstein in their new apartment. . . . After serving as a Major in Italy during the war, Dr. Howard B. Grayson, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. David Minchenberg, has re-opened his offices in our neighborhood. Good luck. . . . This week our wedding anniversary greetings go to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss. . . . Our birthday greetings go to Joan Dorison, Ruth Kranz, Shirley Wohl, Mrs. Elias Merkin and Mrs. Bertha Warshauer. . . . Don't forget those tickets to "MADAME BUTTERFLY".

We welcome Mrs. Gerald Blankfort back to town. . . . At the same time we wish Mrs. Henry Blankfort a very pleasant journey on her trip to California.

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