

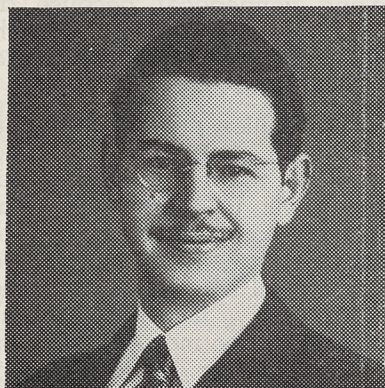
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THE JEWISH ALL-DAY SCHOOL IN A MODERN DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY



By Rabbi O. Asher Reichel

I

The Problem (Secularism vs. Religion)

Secularism has gripped the educational system of our country and holds sway over our thinking and personal philosophies.

This problem is coped with, in a constructive manner, in the year book of the John Dewey Society, (Public Schools and Spiritual Values,—Harper 1944) edited by Prof. Brubacher and his committee. They say that "the secularism of the public school constitutes a threat, not only to the churches, but also to the spiritual strength of our democracy. . . Hence the public schools have a responsibility to cultivate, in the young, those religious appreciations, attitudes, and beliefs which they hold, constitute the moral foundations of our democratic faith. The authors point out further that "at this critical moment in which our spiritual values stand in dire need of support from the public school, doubt seems to have arisen in a portion of the public mind whether the school is fulfilling—or even can fulfill—this social function."

The writer hopes to see the day, when the public school system will be imbued with "spiritual values"

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OUR TALMUD TORAH BASKETBALL TEAM

First row left to right: George Sommerfeld, Mike Friedman, Bert Lillie, Lester Hyman, and Milton Ellenbogen. Second Row: Coach Stan Chazan, Sheldon Hart, Norman Serisky, Captain Nathan Flaks, Marty Glickman, WHN SPORTS ANNOUNCER, Samuel Ward, Harry Boykoff, STAR OF THE ST. JOHN'S BASKETBALL TEAM, Henry Maringer, Abe Coifman and Morty Cohen, Director.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On Monday afternoon, January 27th, at 1:30 o'clock our Women's League is to hold a Card Party and Tea at the Synagogue building. The tickets are \$1.20 each. Mrs. Harry Ward, Chairman, announces that the proceeds of the Card Party will go towards the Scholarship fund of our Hebrew School. The hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. Saul Bergman, Mrs. Morris Levinson, and Mrs. Harry Ward.

All the women of the congregation are invited to attend.

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

Spring term begins Feb. 2, 1947.

You owe it to your children to give them a well-rounded Jewish education. We have the following classes now:

Kindergarten classes for ages 4 to 6.

Elementary classes for ages 7 to 13 inclusive.

High School classes for ages 14 to 18.

Registration will close about Feb. 16th.

JUST 37 MORE DAYS

Yes folks, in just 37 more days we will all gather at the Metropolitan Opera House, to hear the entire Opera, "Madame Butterfly" at the Benefit Performance of our Synagogue.

All of you, we know, want choice seats, but you must remember that those who buy their tickets first will get the choice seats. So if you have kept putting it off until tomorrow, since tomorrow may be too late, we suggest that you make your reservations at the earliest possible moment, and not be disappointed later.

You can procure your tickets, which range from \$2.50 to \$20.00 each, by writing or phoning the Synagogue office. TR 7-8281.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
NOW!!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Young People's Council will take place this Sunday afternoon at the Synagogue at 2:30 P.M.

The afternoon will include games, a round-table, dancing and refreshments. All the young men and women of the Congregation and their friends are invited to attend.



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LITTLE PEEVES— MUCH MISUNDERSTANDING

Many a good-natured person will think little of passing a slurring remark thereby causing much hurt. When reproached, he will answer, "well that's my way, I don't give a care what the other fellow thinks." This is poor sportsmanship, and worse still,—poor religion.

The Rabbis tell the following story. A peddler was calling out the different items he had for sale, — 'thread, needles, the elixir of life, et cetera'. When asked for the elixir of life, he replied by repeating the words of the Psalmist "He who desireth life. . . should keep his tongue from evil."

Those who use slurring remarks soon forget them; those to whom they are addressed, **never** forget them. Many a friendship has been wrecked, and many a home has been made an unhappy one, because of heedless speech.

Let us employ our tongues to promote friendship, to promote love in our homes, and not ill will.

A little more thoughtfulness in our speech will prevent many a little peeve that leads to much misunderstanding.



270th COMMANDMENT

The High Priest and the Dead

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The High Priest may not come into the tent wherein there is a dead body even though it be one of his seven near relatives, for it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 21, Verse 11, "Neither shall he go unto any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, nor for his mother".

The High Priest is so religiously and spiritually exalted that it causes him to be divested entirely from the natural emotionalism of man. He is on the highest level. The High Priest like a leader does not belong to his family but to the whole people. All the Jews are spiritually brothers and sisters of the High Priest. The say-

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ing goes, "The bigger the man regard him as your father; if he is your equal, regard him as your brother; the lower the man, regard him as your child". Even on the first day of mourning he may offer sacrifices because as we said, he does not belong to his family; he belongs to catholic Israel. It is also striking to note that one who killed another accidentally, and escapes to the City of Refuge, where he remains until the High Priest dies, upon the death of the High Priest he may leave the City of Refuge (for nobody will think of taking vengeance) because at that time all Israel mourns the High Priest. The High Priest belongs to Israel and not to his own family.

This prohibition prevailed only in Temple times. It also pertained to every place where the High Priest found himself. It is most likely that he had permanent quarters in the Temple precincts, see Sam. I, Verse 2, et al. At all times he had to live in the Holy City. If for any reasons of exigency of the moment, he went outside of Palestine, he had to carry out this law concerning the dead. If he trespassed it purposely, even for his father or mother, he received stripes.

The Jewish All-Day School (Cont. from P. 1)

and positive trends for encouraging religious thinking and conduct. However, the only immediate solution for the problem of imbuing our children with a proper understanding and appreciation of our heritage, is through the popularization of the Jewish Day school system.

The Catholics have long ago created Parochial schools for a large number of their children and now, even the Protestants are organizing Day Schools throughout the country.

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Religion in A Democracy

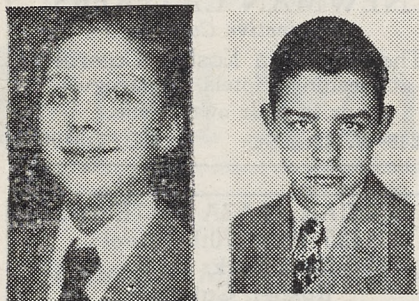
The American way of life began as an experiment and it has already outlived nearly all its elder contemporaries of 1776. Charles Beard, in his "Economic Interpretation of the Constitution," points out that America's founders were of such divergent religious backgrounds and economic strata, that they came to the mutual realization that a victory of any one's demands would be detrimental to the others. Thus they began searching for common denominators, which were ultimately and unanimously resolved in one of the

world's greatest social documents—our Constitution. Here we find one of the rarities in world history where history and practice converge. America has ever since prospered because its citizenry was able to thrive on the contributions of all respective races and religions. America, it has often been said, is a symphony composed of varied instruments playing in harmony to the tune and message of Democracy. America's leaders of state have well symbolized this idea.

If there are unmistakable signs of unhealthy, immoral, and material philosophies gnawing away at our youth, as well as at the very vitals of our nation, these are due to the lack of loyalties, obligations, and responsibilities to our individual heritages and traditions. America is beset with a growing juvenile delinquency problem and ever increasing levity because we have not found any solid substitute, any wholesome synthetic, for traditional home life with its respective religious teachings. Religion guided the United States at its cradle, and may veritably be considered the life insurance of our nation.

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DOUBLE BAR MITZVAH THIS WEEK



Richard Bellak Norman Serisky

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bellak Richard, and to Mrs. Shirley Serisky upon the Bar Mitzvah of her son Norman, which will be held this Shabbus in our Synagogue.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

The J.C. announces that Bruno Wassertheil will tell the story of the Sedrah of the week and Bert Lillie will read the service this Saturday morning at 10 A.M.

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Saturday Morning Services9:00
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Talmud Class3:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's
Talmud Class3:45
Mincha Service4:45
Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz
Reader of Service: Herbert Perlman
The Sabbath Terminates:5:24
Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services
Mornings6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha4:50

PLAY BALL

Our newly formed Senior Basketball team is beginning to take shape. We haven't been invited to the Invitation Tournament at the Garden or the N. C. A. A. games as yet, but we sure are going to have a good time.

Those of you who are interested in joining should contact Lester A. Lazarus, our Social Director, who can be reached at the Synagogue, TR. 7-8281, any evening, except Tuesdays and Fridays.

MEN'S CLUB MEETS
THIS MONDAY NIGHTDEDICATION
JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

About six years ago a Day School was started at our Synagogue. As it grew it was organized as a separate entity at 30 West 74th Street. There it remained until September 1946 when it purchased its new, large building at 110 Manhattan Ave. (104th St.)

The President, our own Director Samuel W. Siegel now announces that a Dedication will take place at the new building Sunday, February 2, 1947, at 6 P.M. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and other prominent speakers will make addresses. A tour of the building and refreshments will follow. All are invited to attend.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

In conferring with the architects retained to draw a master plan for the alterations contemplated in our building, and in discussing the various phases of the proposed improvements, we are faced with a problem that is indeed puzzling.

We all realize that an undertaking of that character involves considerable delay, since every detail must be fully decided before any beginning is made. At the present time our Synagogue proper is in need of painting. The floor is in need of carpeting. Shall we do the painting and carpeting now, or shall we wait for the planned improvements to proceed in an orderly fashion?

There are enthusiastic supporters of each side of this perplexing question. Some argue that since the Synagogue is being used now the necessary repairs must be made at once. Others say that since we plan to improve the building as a whole, the construction-work should be done first in order to prevent the ruining of the work done now.

We would like to have you, our readers, express your views. Perhaps you can shed new light on this subject and help us solve this important question.

GETTING PERSONAL

The stork is at work again. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mirken, of California, upon the birth of a daughter. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Moe Feuerstein (Shirley Shapiro) upon the birth of a son. Mazel-tove to the happy grandparents our Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro. . . . The third package the story dropped this week was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Gertz (our former office manager Mollie) and left a boy, Mazel-Tove. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, and to S. M. Drukker. . . . Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Al Braff, who have just returned from Florida. . . . A pleasant vacation to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Settel who have just left for the South. . . . Many thanks to Reuben Richman for donating a bolt of linen for table cloths and thanks to Mrs. Aaron Wartels for hemming the table cloths. . . . Belated Birthday Greetings go to Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and Myra Greenman. . . . We welcome into the fold the following, who have become members of the Synagogue, Morton S. Cohen, Harold Epstein, Abraham Klein, Rev S. Taitz and Joseph Weinstein. . . This week our Birthday Greetings go to Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Henry L. Kessler, and Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein. . . . Our Wedding Anniversary Greetings go to Director and Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz, their 25th, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mirken. . . . A speedy recovery to Abe M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwartz. . . . We were very happy to see Harold Udell, son of our President and Mrs. Lester Udell in Schule Shabbus, after his recent illness. . . . Congratulations to Jean Margolis and Dr. Andre Weill who were married at our Synagogue last Sunday. . . . If you have not already reserved tickets for yourself and your friends, for our Benefit Performance of the entire Opera "Madame Butterfly" to be presented at the Met on March 2, 1947, do so now.

A pleasant holiday to Alex Kirsh, who is now vacationing in Jamaica, B.W.I. . . . Congratulations to Lee Langer, star center of the Ramaz Academy basketball team for leading his team to their first victory. . .

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