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THE JEWISH ALL-DAY SCHOOL IN A MODERN DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY

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Its Philosophy

By Rabbi O. Asher Reichel

The Jewish Day School is based on a three-fold conviction—one, that it is the most effective means of conveying Jewish religious learning to successive generations of Jewish children; two, that it is the most potent instrument for the achievement of an integration of Judaism and Americanism; three, that it is the safest assurance for the continuation of Jewish life and the survival of Jewish culture.

Within the all-day school, Jewish learning in the truest and best sense is possible. There the five books of Moses and important sections of the major Prophets are studied with Commentaries. The Hebrew language and literature become proud possessions of the child. Substantial portions of the Talmud are intelligently and comprehensively absorbed. The large panorama of Jewish History is viewed. The "Shulchan Aruch", the Jewish way of Life, is studied in detail. There the child learns that America wants him to be a good Jew, and that Judaism commands him to be a good American. (Rabbi J. Lookstein.)

Thus education within the historical Jewish framework is a "whole" life proposition, since Jewish Law embodies every aspect of the individual's life. It insists that the Jew be a loyal citizen of the country which he adopts. The Bible records that Jeremiah bade the Jewish exiles in Babylon to seek the well being of the city whither the Lord had exiled them—and through observance of the Law, they should reflect the universal teachings of G-d to mankind.

In his presidential inaugural address at Yeshiva University, Dr. Samuel Belkin summed up the idea succinctly, as follows:

"Knowledge, as an utilitarian instrument or as a means of creating technical efficiency or achieving ma-

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DR. RICHARD H. HOFFMAN

TO LECTURE MONDAY NIGHT

TOPIC: PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE



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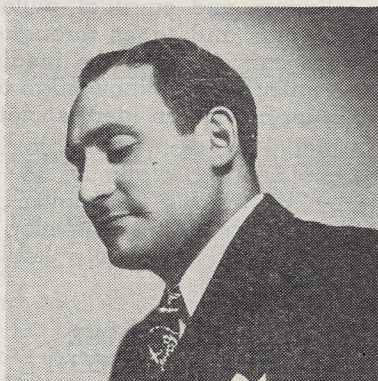
Dr. Hoffman, noted psychiatrist

will be the guest speaker at the Monday evening Forum, February 3, 1947, after Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which begins at 8:30 P.M.

Dr. Hoffman is a graduate of Cornell University and has worked in the Clearing House for Mental Defectives for many years. He has been called as a witness for the State in major murder cases to testify to the mental condition of the defendant. He is known as a Neuropsychiatrist, and is the author of numerous articles on technical and lay subjects.

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THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU!!

JR. WOMEN'S LEAGUE

"Let's Get Acquainted" will highlight the opening meeting of the Jr. Women's League which will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 2 P.M.

An individual cosmetic demon-

stration is scheduled and will be followed by a Round-Robin of card games and mah jong to permit everyone to meet each other. All young married women of the congregation are invited to attend.



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JEWISH ARBOR DAY

This Wednesday, February 5th, we celebrate Jewish Arbor Day, or the New Year of the Trees. Although this was originally a Palestinian Holiday, it is now celebrated throughout the World. In Palestine it is a period marking the beginning of spring, and in that land children and adults go forth into the hills to the sacred task of reforesting areas that have become barren through neglect of the ages. Here we are in the middle of winter, and spring planting is a long way off. We celebrate by eating the fruits of Palestine and pronouncing the blessing "Shehecheyonu" for the fruits not as yet eaten during the year.

When we contrast the cold barrenness of winter, with the warmth of spring now in Palestine, we realize that in the inner secret recesses of nature, under the cover of snow and ice, there are forces at work in restless intensity. The flower lies dormant waiting to bud forth and fill the air with fragrance.



271st COMMANDMENT

The High Priest Shall Not Defile Himself Unto His Father or His Mother

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The Bible commands that the High priest is not to defile himself unto any of his relatives, and the more so not to any other dead that in any way involves, ritual defilement, as for instance, touching or carrying a dead body whether it be of man or of beast, for it is said in Leviticus, Chapter 21, Verse 11, "Neither defile himself for his father, or for his mother". Certainly, if not for his father and mother he is not to be de-

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filed, surely, he is not to defile himself with any other dead person. However, according to the Rabbis there is one exception. He **must** defile himself for the unattended body of "a friendless man", a **מת מצוה** "Mess Mitzvah". The reason for this being that since the High Priest belongs to the people, he is the people's friend (where there is no one else to be of service at the moment).

The previous commandment indicated that the High Priest was not to go into the tent where there was a dead body. This commandment goes further and declares that he may not defile himself with a dead body even if it be in the field, with the exception noted above namely the **מת מצוה** "Mess Mitzvah" "the friendless dead".

The purpose of this commandment is as we have said before, namely that the High Priest must always be in a state of purity. This commandment pertains only at Temple times. Even if the High Priest were outside of Palestine for some special reason, the same rules prevailed. If he trespassed this law, he was to receive stripes.

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

terial success, will not necessarily help in the creation of a morally better society. . . We need a unifying principle in the pursuit of knowledge. **We, therefore, believe that the moral laws of the Torah, the concepts of universal justice of the prophets, and the religious and spiritual philosophy of saints and sages throughout the ages can serve as the medium for the unification of knowledge and as a blueprint for an ideal society."**

Yeshiva education, therefore, has a two-fold purpose: firstly, to impart the "knowledge" of Judaism and worldliness; secondly, to develop intellectually and spiritually healthy Jewish-Americans.

SURVEY OF THE YESHIVA MOVEMENT

It should be pointed out at the start that the term "parochial" cannot apply to the Jewish All-Day or Yeshiva School, because the Jews have no centralized authority. In its original meaning among Catholics, the word parochial implies ownership of the school by the parish, or, in a larger sense by the Church. The latter has even opposed the State's

right to control education. This has not been the ideology of the Jewish All-Day School. Jews sponsor such schools not because they deny the right to the State to educate their children, but rather because they find the public school insufficient for their educational needs.

The Yeshiva, strange as it may seem, was the first of all existing types of Jewish schools in America (1731). These schools (prior to 1885) were formed at a time when the parochial idea of education was more or less accepted.

After a lapse of time the new type of All Day School, that of Eastern Europe, began to take root. They arose not because of the prevalent educational practices, but rather because of the dissatisfaction with the meagre results which the private teachers and afternoon schools achieved.

The Jewish All Day School movement has made remarkable strides. Seven years ago there were only fourteen schools of this kind in America. By the end of 1946 more than eighty-five institutions of this type were functioning. This is positive evidence that the All-Day Jewish School is filling a long-felt need in the Jewish Community.

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

Promotion exercises in our school will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 29th and 30th.

The new term will begin Feb. 2nd. All parents are again urged to register their children in our school immediately.

"Jewish Arbor Day" or Chamisha Asor Beshevat will be observed in our school with a special assembly. A playlet will be presented by class 2B to be followed by songs, delicacies and fruits of Palestine.

**WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE**

Light Candles Friday Eve.	4:51
Weekly Portion: B'Shalach	
Friday Evening Service	5:00
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's	
Talmud Class	4:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's	
Talmud Class	4:00
Mincha Service	5:00
Reader of Torah: Kurt Stern	
Reader of Service: Samuel Ward	
The Sabbath Terminates:	5:33
Sunday Morning Service.....	6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:00

DEDICATION

The Jewish Community School will dedicate its new building at 110 Manhattan Ave., this Sunday night at 6 P.M. All are invited to attend.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

I am certain that you, our readers, are willing to help us in the task of making this weekly paper as newsy, interesting and instructive as possible.

In compliance with the regulation of the Post Office, which grants us a special mailing privilege, we are required to have 50% of the material in each issue devoted to matters of general interest, and only 50% may be devoted to W.S.I.S. and other local news. The editors endeavor to use such space to the best advantage to interest our readers.

One of the serious difficulties which confronts us, is to obtain news promptly. Frequently important items concerning our members and friends arrive too late for inclusion in an issue, though it could have been conveyed to us in ample time.

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GETTING PERSONAL

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