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THE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

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By Rabbi O. Asher Reichel

It seems to be our unwritten law on part of the "secular" instructors in some of the Jewish Day Schools to keep their subject matter strictly secular. Yet there are ample opportunities and situations wherein Jewish content, for example, could be included "objectively", as it were. Even limited forms of dovetailing could have a far-reaching effect on the pupil, if only he would be encouraged to look for his own relationships and applications to religion, democracy, ethics, good citizenship, etc.

The teaching of foreign languages presents many opportunities for Jewish direction. Words, sentences, and essays in various languages can be learnt and practiced in connection with Jewish subjects. The writer recalls having prepared a French article for a college magazine, and he chose a Jewish theme. The thrill of tracing religious words and concepts in the French language made an indelible impression on him. Some examples in French will indicate the idea:

Quand j'entre ma maison je trouve le mezzuza a droit.

Les Kosher animaux sont:

English literature provides ample material which lends itself to religious and specifically Jewish education. Instructors could gradually evolve their own anthology of poetry and prose containing classic literary creations which deal with ethical and spiritual subjects.

English language, oral composition, and the social sciences provide outlets for self-expression and articulation involving our religious convictions and training.

Mathematics, in the hands of an instructor with imagination, could be directed to Jewish subjects. The years, months, days, and hours of the Jewish calendar, Biblical Laws involving tithes and measurements, offer numerous opportunities for exploration.

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MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Speaker: Dr. Samuel Nirenstein



DR. SAMUEL NIRENSTEIN

At the next meeting of the Men's Club which will take place this Monday night, Feb. 10, 1947, at 8:30 P.M. at the Synagogue, an address by Dr. Samuel Nirenstein will be the feature.

Dr. Nirenstein was graduated from Trinity College, Cum Laude, attended Columbia University Law School, where he was elected Editor-in-Chief of the Columbia Law Review, and received his Ph.D. from Dropsie College in Jewish Philosophy. It is interesting to note that while at Columbia one of his associate Editors was the present Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Hon. William O. Douglas. Dr. Nirenstein was Secretary to Supreme Court Judge McCook for ten years.

All the men of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

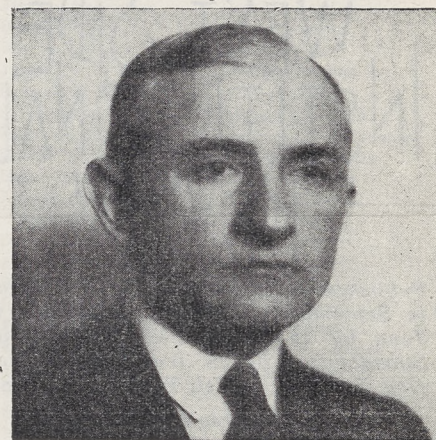
WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

An important meeting of the Women's League Executive Board will be held at the home of Mrs. Saul Bergman, 40 West 77th Street, on Monday afternoon February 17th at 1:30 o'clock sharp! All the members of the Board are urged to attend.

CHAMISHA ASAR B'SHVAT

Mrs. Walter Freeman and Mrs. Al Braff were in charge of the very lovely Chamisha Asar B'shvat treat which our Women's League gave to the children of our Talmud Torah.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM



SAMUEL SILVER, CHAIRMAN

We are happy to announce that the Seder Committee under the chairmanship of our Director, Samuel Silver, has arranged for our Congregational Sedorim April 4th and 5th.

We suggest that you make your reservations at the earliest possible moment.

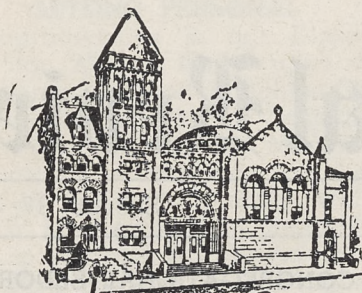
22 MORE DAYS TO OUR NIGHT AT THE MET

There are just 22 more days left to the Benefit Performance of the Entire Opera "Madame Butterfly", at the Met on March 2, 1947, at 8:15 P.M.

The following will be the cast:

Cio-Cio-San	Dorothy Kirsten
Suzuki	Lucielle Browning
Kate Pinkerton	Irene Jordan
B. F. Pinkerton	Richard Tucker
U.S. Consul Sharpless	Francesco Valentino
Goro	Alessio De Paolis
Yamadori	George Cehanovsky
The Uncle - Priest	Osie Hawkins
The Imperial Commissary	John Baker

Conductor	Cesare Sodero
Stage Director	Desire Defrere
Chorus Master	Kurt Adler



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HAS LINCOLN FREED US ALL?

When Lincoln freed the slaves the whites remained enslaved.

The problem of the Negro in this country is becoming an ever-increasing one. This is due to the fact that the Negro is properly beginning to assert himself. He demands the right to vote in the South. The whites are afraid lest they be outvoted. They have used and are now employing every political device at their command to hold him down. The petty offenses of the colored people in the North or South have been so magnified that a prejudice has swamped the country against the Negro.

We Jews should be the last to evidence any prejudice against the Negro. We have suffered enslavement, in the Hitler regime, and we are the targets of race hatred by our Christian neighbors. We should therefore be most sympathetic to the plight of the Negro. We, together with all other white people, should try to free ourselves from race prejudice, latent or expressed. Then will Lincoln's physical Emancipation of the Negroes also mean a spiritual emancipation of all true Americans.



THE 272nd COMMANDMENT

The High Priest May Marry Only A Virgin

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 21, Verses 13 and 14, "He (the High Priest) shall take a wife in her virginity. A widow or a divorced woman or dishonored or a harlot, these shall he not take; he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife".

The purpose of this commandment is that the High Priest's mind should be as pure as possible for "as a man thinks so is he" drawn to action. Therefore the High Priest is to cling unto a woman who has had no thoughts concerning another man. Her children must emanate from total purity. If her thoughts are given over to another, then the child who after his birth will have to take the

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High Priest's place will not be the result of the purest union. The question may be asked, cannot a virgin have unchaste thoughts? The answer is that thoughts alone unaccompanied by deeds do not leave such a strong impression upon us.

The High-Priest is supposed to marry a נערה who is a virgin. In the Orient, girls develop much more rapidly than they do in the Occident. Therefore, before the passions are too strongly aroused, the High-Priest must marry a young girl so that their off-spring shall be the result of the highest physical, mental and moral purity.

The War Chaplain, as well as the High-Priest is included in this commandment. The War Chaplain delivered the proclamation as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 20, Verses 2-4. "That the Priest shall approach and speak unto the people: "Ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies, let not your hearts faint, fear not and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them, for the L—d your G-d, is He that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies to save you." etc.

If the High-Priest broke this commandment, he violated a positive commandment and had to be divorced.

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Thus, without detracting from the exact nature of the subject, pupils' interests in, and knowledge of, Jewish matters, can be fostered during the secular lesson period.

GUIDANCE

A significant phase of the Jewish All Day School which has not been fully utilized is a carefully planned personal guidance system. There are many pupils whose background, environment, and living habits call for long range guidance so that they may be safely steered through their delicate impressionable years. Each student should be carefully studied by competent advisors. Through autobiographical sketches, anecdotal records, conferences with students, parents and teachers, adjustments in leisure time, friends, and environments, be directed to creative channels. Guidance of this kind would prove a wholesome factor in stemming the tide of those Yeshiva graduates who drift away from the faith. In all groups there are some problem children, as it were, and these

require special psychological handling.

CONCLUSION

The Jewish All Day School is the only lifeline in America which can save Jewish religion and culture for the coming generations. There is no question but that the Jewish Day School has succeeded in its immediate objective, that of imparting a maximum of Jewish knowledge in the stated time, however, where there is life, there is room for improvement. A more realistic approach to the future needs of our pupils, by the utilization of all present progressive methods, add force and effectiveness.

The properly conducted Jewish All Day School has the power to provide its students with a vast fund of knowledge, both secular and Jewish to direct their thoughts and actions along channels which will make them good Jews and good Americans.

It is my earnest hope that all our brethren of vision will give their whole-hearted support to the Jewish All-Day School movement in this country.

SCOUT WEEK

February 7th to 14th has been set aside as National Boy Scout Week. Our own Troop 530 will have an exhibition, while the Scouts, in their Uniforms will serve as ushers next Shabbus.



WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Eve.5:00
 Weekly Portion: Yisro
 Friday Evening Service5:05
 Saturday Morning Service9:00
 Junior Congregation10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's
 Class in Talmud4:00
 Mr. Isaac Allen's
 Class in Talmud4:00
 Mincha Service5:00
 Reader of Torah: Arthur Udell
 Reader of Service: David A. Buchsbaum
 Speaker: Dan Schachter
The Sabbath Terminates5:42
 Sunday Morn. Service6:45, 8:45
Daily Services
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 Mincha5:10

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

I am quite sure that you, our readers, have had your attention called to the fact, that our benefit performance will take place at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Sunday evening, March 2nd, 1947. We are happy to state that Dorothy Kirsten and Richard Tucker will sing the leading roles, in the complete Opera, "Madame Butterfly". They will be assisted by a notable cast.

We have also explained that the task of disposing of more than 3400 tickets is quite an undertaking for a few people, but a comparatively easy one if each one of us does his share by purchasing at least a pair of tickets and disposing of a few more.

One of our friends summarized the situation so well, that I am repeating it here:—"I believe that every person who is at all friendly to this institution, should participate and be present that night. If his plans prevent his personal attendance he should pay for a few tickets and have someone represent him. In my judgment March 2nd will be a memorable evening, and all of us should be proud to contribute to its success."

GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to the following who were graduated from High School: Kurt Fishman, and Fred Kochen: and to the following who were graduated from Junior High School: Abraham Coifman, Nathan Flaks, Rosylin Freides, Henry Maringer, Joe Morgenstern, Herbert Perlman, Martin Tilem and Reginald Werner: and to Jay Jacobson who was graduated from Public School. . . . We missed Mrs. Annie Mirken, who is ill. We hope that she will have a rapid recovery. . . . We also missed Mrs. Sam Silver from Services Shabbus. . . . Best wishes for loads of good luck in their new homes go to Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Greenman and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reisman. . . Mrs. Buddy Udell, corresponding secretary of our Junior Women's League is doing a fine job. We can unhesitatingly say the same for Mrs. Hank (June) Epstein, Membership Chairman of the Junior Women's League. . . If you want to meet with the fine young married women of the Congregation, call June Epstein, TRafalgar 7-6741. . . . This week our Birthday Greetings go to our own Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, and to Barbara Eleanor Herlands who celebrate their birthday on the same day and to Nat Trotsky and his wife Helen. . . Our Wedding Anniversary Greetings go to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ostrow (nee Buchsbaum), Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman, their 25th, and Mr. and Mrs. Yoshua Pevsner. . . Hoping that by the time this reaches you, Morty Cohen and Harold Udell are well on the road to recovery from their recent illnesses. . . . A special vote of congratulations goes to our Director Samuel W. Siegel, upon the wonderful work he is doing as President of the Jewish Community School, which held the Dedication of its new building last Sunday. . . IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS TO OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF THE OPERA "MADAME BUTTERFLY" ON MARCH 2nd, DO SO NOW!!

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