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## AFTERMATHS OF CRISES

By Sidney B. Hoenig

"Remember the days of old  
Consider the years of many generations

Ask thy father, and he will declare  
unto thee

Thine elders, and they will tell  
thee."

The interest of the whole world now lies in the problem of post-war rehabilitation. The Hitlerian Age indeed brought havoc, and a new One World must be constructed. But what about the greatest victims of the last decade's upheaval—our own people?

Does History—a study of the past as a key to the understanding of the future—reveal anything in these moments of the intermingling of light and darkness? General history may be studied from the angles of economic, social, political and even "catastrophic" or human features—but Jewish history follows a divine pattern.

It is undeniable that our catastrophic crises and years of doom have been frequent in the long history of our people. But even then we have emerged with greater vigor, inspiration and impetus. After every crisis in Jewish history some new institution or universal, religious concept was born to Jewry from the throes of agony. Thus, when the bondage of Egypt brought the crisis of Israelites to the very leavens and finally the movement of Liberation came, the experience in the Cauldron of Suffering resulted in the emergencies of a Chosen People with the greatest moral and divine Code of Ages—our Torah—the Eternal Guide for Israel's Eternity. When even in our own ancient land, North and South were breached and the tribes were lost forever, the moments of woe and strife gave birth to the everlasting messages of the prophets—idealistic aspirations that even, in our so called modernity, we have not yet attained. The Exile in Babylon created the institution of the Synagogue—the Bet Ha-Kenesset with

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## PRESTON KING SHELDON TO SPEAK MONDAY NIGHT

TOPIC: NEWS IN RELIGION

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ONEG SHABBUS

Tonight, the Young People's Council, at the Synagogue, will hold the first Oneg Shabbus of a series to be given this season. Louis Kaplan will preside and Dan Schacter will lead the discussion on the subject, "What is Judaism?" We will begin at 8:15 P.M.

All the Young Men and Women of the Congregation are invited to attend, and join in the discussion.

### JUST 15 DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR TICKETS

There is just a little more than two weeks left to purchase your tickets for our night at the Metropolitan Opera House, March 2, 1947, where we will have our Benefit Performance of the entire Opera, "Madame Butterfly."

Tickets are priced from \$2.50 to \$20.00 each.

### CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM April 4th and 5th

We are pleased to inform our readers that our Seder Committee, under the Chairmanship of our Treasurer, Samuel Silver, has arranged for our Congregational Sedorim to be held at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 253 West 73rd St.. The price will be \$8.75 per person, each night, including all waiters' and checking gratuities.

Please Make Your Reservations Now!

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS

TIME: Monday, Feb. 17th at 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Home of Mrs. Saul Bergman, 40 W. 77th St.

OCCASION: Important Women's League, Exec. Board Meeting.

YOUR DUTY to attend.



### PRESTON KING SHELDON

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This week we are honored to have, as our guest speaker, Preston King Sheldon of the New York Times. Mr. King is the son of a Baptist Minister, and is a veteran of both world wars. He was educated both in this country and in Europe, having attended the Henry George Social Science School, Colgate University and Bordeaux University, France.

Although he was on the staff of the "Elmira Advertiser," he is presently a member of the reporting staff of the New York Times.

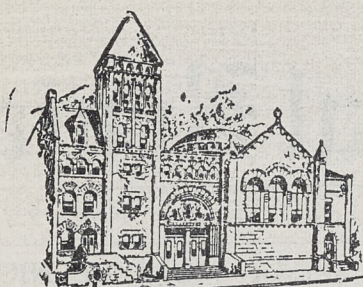
The Bible Class led by Rabbi Goldstein begins promptly at 8:30 P.M.

### TALMUD TORAH

We are happy to announce that the following special classes will be added to our Talmud Torah Department. Arts and Crafts and Cooking classes that will meet on Sunday morning.

Plans are also being made for an evening High School Class for those students who have afternoon sessions in the Public High Schools.

The students of our school collected \$275 for the Vaad-Hatzala.—Elaine Aibinder collected \$43.63 for top honors. Martin Samuels collected \$26.36. Donald Bergman and Jay Jacobson collected \$20.00. Peter Gordy, and Ralph Friedner collected \$20.25.



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## BROTHERHOOD

This is Brotherhood week. If we read the Bible aright, we will find indicated therein every problem of modern times. The problem of Brotherhood is stated in Cain's surly outcry,—"Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer is given in Leviticus and illustrated in the well-known Hillel story. When the scoffer came to Hillel and said "Teach me the whole Torah on one foot", Hillel gave two answers,—one from the book of Leviticus "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", and the other (as found in the Talmud and which is known as the Golden Rule) "What is distasteful to you, do not do unto your neighbor."

When some good people get together in conversation you will hear them pick apart their mutual acquaintances, members of the same club, congregation or sisterhood. This is certainly an unloving attitude on the part of so many so-called good people. Brotherhood-week is being celebrated now. Let us begin right at home to observe all that it implies, then world-brotherhood may become a reality.



## 273rd COMMANDMENT

### The Law Concerning a Widow and the High Priest

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Only the High-Priest may not marry a widow. Any other person including an ordinary priest, may do so. It is written in Leviticus, Chapter 21, Verse 14, "A widow or divorced woman or a harlot, these shall he not take but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife". 15, "Neither shall he profane his seed among his people for I the L—d do sanctify him". The question may be raised why does the Bible report the additional prohibitions against the marriage to a profaned woman and harlot, since these prohibitions have already been mentioned in regard to the ordinary priests. The answer is

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that if the High Priest married a woman who is a widow but had been a divorcee who had been profaned and who had been a harlot, he receives the punishment of stripes for each violation although it may be the same woman involved.

The reason for the commandment is that in marrying a widow, she may possess foreign thoughts. The Talmud says that when a man marries a widow there are three thoughts present, the former husband, the present wife, instead of two dominating thoughts.

The laws of this commandment refer not only to a widow after marriage but also to a widow after her engagement. The High-Priest who trespassed this commandment and married a widow and lived with her in marriage relationship received two sets of stripes, (1) because the High-Priest married a widow and (2) because the Bible says, "He shall not profane his seed". In other words a child born of such a marriage will become a defiled priest, therefore, his seed becomes defiled. However, if he merely married a widow but had not lived with her, he did not receive stripes.

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its three fold aspect of prayer, learning and fraternity. Even the rift of the various sects in the Second Temple Era had its brighter side: It produced the supremacy of the Oral law. And with the disaster of the loss of national statehood, there emerged in 70 CE the glory of the Rabbis—the Mishna.

As our people picked up the wanderer's staff and found itself in the Palestine of the Byzantium Empire or in the Babylon of Parthian rule, it still grew stronger, according to the divine purpose of history, and battled the forces of oppression by a revitalization which ultimately became known as the Palestinian and Babylonian Talmudim. Again, "they who sowed in tears reaped in joy." Next, finding themselves in a Moslem world ruling with the Sword, our fathers did not sink, as expected, into any martial oblivion but rather rose, with renewed vigor to sing sweet songs of Israel rendered by Ibn Gabirol or Jehuda Halevi or they immersed themselves in the rationalistic philosophies propound-

ed by a Rambam, Bachya Ibn Pekude or an Albo. A golden age blossomed forth for Israel even when the entire world was steeped in the dark Middle Ages. A Rashi and his descendants—the Tosafat proved that we could prevail even over such devastating elements as Crusades, ghetto, yellow badge and blood accusations or medieval restrictions. They demonstrated to the world the truisms: the voice of Jacob is stronger than the hand of Esau, the Jewish pen is mightier than the pagan sword and the silent letters in the old tomes of devout sages ring louder, deeper and farther than the turbulent war cries of Hep, Hep of bigots.

— To Be Continued —

## RED CROSS DRIVE

Mrs. Morris Segerman has been appointed Chairman of our Women's League Red Cross Drive which will be launched on March 1st.

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Light Candles Friday Eve. ....5:09  
Weekly Portion: Mishpatim  
Shabbos Shekalim Prayers for  
New Month  
Friday Evening Service .....5:15  
Saturday Morning Service .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:00  
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:15  
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:15  
Mincha Service .....5:15  
Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz  
Reader of Service: Laurence Rosan  
Speaker: Joel Burstein  
The Sabbath terminates .....5:52  
**Daily Services:**  
Mornings .....6:45, 8:00, 8:30  
Thurs. and Fri. ....6:30, 7:45, 8:15  
Mincha .....5:15  
Followed by the Explanation  
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by Rabbi Goldstein

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