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FAITH AND REASON

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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The Bible does not command faith. It commands "Mitzvoths", "duties". Faith is that which is reasonable to believe, that which reason does not prompt us to believe is credulity. Reason is finite. Reason is as the naked eye; it can see just so far; while faith is as the telescope helping us to see beyond the vista of the naked eye. The naked eye can see for blocks; the telescope for miles. Now, the telescope does not supplant the eye; it supplements it. Without reason, which tells us what is reasonable to believe, faith takes little hold on us. Faith is a matter of MENTAL persuasion. It is an intellectual condition. The Biblical declaration which we read three times daily in the Aleynu Prayer

וידעת היום והשבות אל לבבך כי ה' הוא האלקים בשמים ממעל ועל הארץ מתחת אין עוד

—"Know ye, therefore this day, and consider IN THY HEART, (or mind), that the L—d, He is G—d, in the Heavens above, and upon the Earth beneath, there is none else", (Deut. 4:39) surely insists upon knowledge and reflection. Bachya in his introduction to the חובת הלבבות "The Duties of the Heart", points out that it is a sacred duty to inquire into the grounds of our beliefs. "To fail to do this is a positive sin", said he.

Maimonides, who certainly strove to explain the Jewish religion, according to the highest intellect, in his Philosophical work, "The Guide for the Perplexed", also set forth certain cardinal, basic beliefs, known as the **אני מאמין** "the 13 articles of Belief" as found in his Commentary on the Tenth Chapter of the Talmud Sanhedrin.

In this Chapter, Maimonides lays down the 13 foundations of Jewish Belief, which had to be stressed in his time. Two of the 13 deal with the incorporeality of G—d. Today these two are almost universally accepted with the exception of those who believe in three gods, one of whom was a person in bodily form.

All of our beliefs may be found directly or indirectly in the Bible. The

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RABBI AARON PAPERMAN

TO SPEAK MONDAY NIGHT

TOPIC: "MY EXPERIENCES AS A CHAPLAIN"

This Monday night we shall have the privilege of listening to Rabbi Aaron Paperman, our guest speaker for the evening.

Rabbi Paperman served as a Major during the war. While overseas he served under General Mark Clark

in Italy, and has a most interesting and fascinating story to tell.

Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which precedes the forum, starts promptly at 8:30 P.M. Come early so that you may get a choice seat.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



MR. AND MRS. IKE HOLOSCHUTZ

Today marks the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Holoschutz, parents of Mrs. Max E. San-

ders and Mr. Ira H. Holly. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations on this happy occasion.

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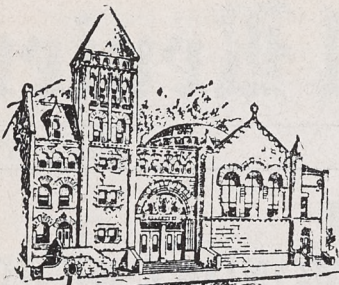
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL PURIM COCKTAIL PARTY

In celebration of Purim, the Young People's Council invites all the Young men and women of the Congregation to its Cocktail Party to be held Sunday afternoon, March 9th, at the Crest Room, 56 East 56th Street, at 2:00 P.M. There will be dancing to the music of the Del Mar Quartet, with vocals by Betty Harris. Refreshments will be served. Subscription is \$2.50 per person (tax incl.). Make reservations now!



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THE NUMBER ONE MUST FOR RELIGIOUS JEWRY

If we want Judaism to flourish the world over, it is our task to support the European and Palestinian Yeshivohs as well as our own. These institutions of learning are our insurance policies for the future. The Jews of Poland, Austria, Germany and France, need help and cannot extend it. Jewry in England is at present very hard pressed. We are the only ones from whom religious Jewry can receive support. Therefore, the task is largely ours. The general appeal made in the Synagogue in behalf of our Yeshivohs abroad deserves the liberal support of every man and woman of the congregation. We cannot give too much.

It is interesting to note that in Hebrew there are numerically speaking, many cognate words. The word Shekel, the money standard of Biblical times, (like our Dollar) has the same numerical value as the word "Nefesh" Soul. In other words one can trace a connection between Money and Soul, between the Material and the Spiritual. One can aid the other. Let your Dollars help spread the world's soul knowledge, our Holy Torah.



275th COMMANDMENT A Priest Who Has A Physical Blemish Shall Not Serve

II

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

There are three types of blemishes, (1) Blemishes which make the כהן or Priest unfit for service, and the animal unfit for an offering. (2) There are blemishes that make the כהן unfit for service, but not the animal unfit for an offering. (3) There are blemishes that do not make a כהן unfit for service nor the animal unfit for an offering but both become unfit because of "appearances." מראת עין

The blemishes upon the priest must be visible in order to make him un-

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fit for service. Any invisible sickness or blemish does not make him unfit, for the Bible says as we read in verse, "Only the visible blemish," as for instance a man has a broken foot or broken hand or crooked back or dwarf or he that hath his eye overspread or a scab or scurvy and so forth.

This commandment of course prevailed only in Temple Times. It refers only to the priest. Any priest who violated this commandment and served while he possessed a blemish, if it was one of those which made both the animal and himself unfit, whether he trespassed wittingly or unwittingly, his services become unfit. If he broke the law with intent, he received stripes (if he was warned in advance concerning this punishment). If he possessed one of the 90 additional blemishes which refer to man and not to the animal, he received stripes but his services do not become void. If he served while he possessed a blemish which made him unfit only because of appearance, he does not receive stripes. His service is allowed to pass, but he committed a sin.

Faith and Reason

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reason why Maimonides and other religious philosophers like Albo, Saadia and the RAVAD ראב"ד

Rabbi Abraham ibn (son of) David, formulated our basic principles of belief was due to the fact that the other religious teachers in their day, laid down the bases of their beliefs. Without a systematic philosophical and theological statement of the basis of our faith, the masses would be confused and our people would be unable to present to their Mohammedan, or Christian or Aristotelean philosophic neighbors, the foundation of Jewish belief. The Ravad, in his "Haw-Emun-aw Haw-raw-maw", "The Lofty Faith", laid down three principles; Saadya in his "Emoo-nohs, V'day-ohs", "Faith and Reason", gave eight; Albo in his Ik-karien, "The Main Principles", held three principles, as the Foundations of our faith. Maimonides' thirteen Principles, because of their all-embracing nature, found their way into the Prayer-book. In poetry, they are found in the "Yigdahl" hymn, and in prose in the 13 אני מאמין

"I believe". We shall now discuss each one of the Thirteen Principles of the Faith.

(to be continued)

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

On February 9th the High School classes attended a special performance of the Hebrew play called, "King Solomon and the Cobbler."

The Keren Ami Council will present a special radio broadcast at the Purim Assembly, March 9th entitled, "Headline Parade." All children are invited to bring contributions to the United Jewish Appeal.

A special Oneg Shabbus group is being formed for boys of our Synagogue between the ages of 6 and 13, to meet Saturday afternoons. Exciting stories will be told, and refreshments will be served. Enjoy your Saturday afternoons at the Synagogue. COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

There is a great opportunity offered all high school students, particularly those who have afternoon sessions in high school and college.

We are going to have special classes Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. in Jewish History, Bible, Hebrew, Customs, Philosophy, to supplement our regular high school program.

Telephone Mr. Simon Konovitch any afternoon between 4 and 6 P.M., or Sunday morning for details.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM**April 4th and 5th**

Our Congregational Sedorim will be held this year at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 253 West 73rd Street. The price is \$8.75 per person, each night, including all gratuities.

Rabbi Goldstein will officiate, and our own Cantor Yavneh will lead the Congregational singing.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW.

**OUR BIG NIGHT
SUNDAY — 8:15 P.M.**

"Life Begins at 8:15." That will be our theme Sunday night, when we hold our Benefit Performance of the Opera "Madame Butterfly," at the Met. It will be our night—a night of which to be proud.

We hope that all of you who will have the good fortune to be there will have a wonderful time. We offer our thanks to all those people who have helped, to make the evening as successful as we hope it will be.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL
ONEG SHABBUS**

The third Oneg Shabbus of a series sponsored by the Young People's Council will be held at the Synagogue, tonight at 8:30 P.M.

The topic for the forum, for the evening, "Faith and Reason," will be presided over by Laurance Rosan. All the young people of the Congregation are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

W.S.I.S. BOYS CLUB

Our Boys Club, for boys between the ages of 13 and 16 is rapidly expanding. Their activities, which include ping-pong, basketball, occasional swimming as well as discussions and quizzes provides plenty of good fun. The club meets every Saturday night at eight. Join now and get in on the fun.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE**Shabbos Zachor**

Fast of Esther—Wednesday

PURIM — THURSDAY

Shushan Purim — Friday

Light Candles Friday Eve.5:25

Weekly Portion: Tetsaveh

Parshas Zachor

Friday Evening Service5:30

Young People's Oneg Shabbus 8:30

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:30

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:30

Mincha Service5:30

Speaker: Sheperd Levmore

Reader of Torah: Herbert Pearlman

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

Sabbath Terminates6:07

Daily Services

Sunday Morning Service6:45, 8:45

Mon., Tues., and Friday Services

6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Wednesday, Fast of Esther Services

6:30, 7:30, 8:10

Thursday, Purim Services ...6:30, 7:30

Daily Mincha5:30

Wednesday Mincha5:20

**SOMETHING NEW IN THE
JUNIOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

All the young married women of our Congregation are invited to the next informal OPEN MEETING, which will be held at our building, Tuesday, March 4th at 2:00 P.M.

A new project, which has been hush-hush until now, will be discussed, and we would enjoy your participation and comment.

Hostesses for the afternoon are: Blossom Minchenberg Grayson and Shirley Wohl Schrauber. Refreshments will be followed by the usual Round-Robin of card games and Mah-Jong.

Those present at the last meeting are still remarking at the pleasant time they had. Why don't you join for a really delightful afternoon?

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PURIM

It was 2,302 years ago, in the days of Mordecai and Esther, that the Jews gathered themselves on the 13th day of the month of Adar to defend themselves against their enemies. During their prayers to the Almighty for His help they observed a day of fasting. Today, this fast of Esther is observed so that we may remember that G-d hears the prayers of every man.

It is everyone's duty to chant or listen to the reading of the Megillah. This Book of Esther is chanted in a melody that is unlike the reading of the Sedrah or selections from the Prophets.

On Purim it is incumbent upon all to observe the "Mitzvah" of "Mishloach Manos," a beautiful custom which requires the sending and exchanging of gifts.

The words of the Psalmists express the import of Purim: "Blessed is the Lord who hath not given us a prey to their teeth. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth."

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincerest condolence to our Secretary and Executive Director, Morris Jablow upon the loss of his sister DORA HALPRIN.

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GETTING PERSONAL

We are proud of our W.S.I.S. women and their splendid sense of communal cooperation: Mrs. Joseph Anderson gave a lovely Tea for the Women's League-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. . . . Mrs. David Minchenberg entertained the Yeshiva University Women's organization at her home. . . . Mrs. Philip Wohl opened her home to the Mizrahi Women's organization. . . . Mrs. Herman Livingston and her two charming daughters Muriel and Arnyce, did a fine job in assembling and distributing the lovely prizes at the luncheon of the Greater New York Council of the Women's Branch of the U.O.J.C. of America. . . . Mrs. Jess Ward volunteered to give her home for the Women's League-U.J.A. Tea, of which Mrs. Jack Levine and Mrs. Reuben Richman are co-chairmen. . . . Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim has made the Nursery School of the Jewish Community School the finest of its kind in the country. . . . Mrs. Harold Kaplan is also rendering unusual service, daily, in connection with different phases of the Jewish Community School. . . . Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, and Mrs. Harry Ward, have been designated as co-chairmen of the forthcoming Yeshiva University Women's organization luncheon. . . . We must not forget Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and Mrs. Lester Udell who were co-chairmen of our own unusually successful Women's League luncheon this year. . . . Glad to hear that Hank Epstein is on the mend. . . . Happy to see Morty Epstein looking so well after his trip. . . . We were proud to have Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Alexander Shafrin, of Roumania, former member of the Roumanian Senate, with us Shabbus. . . . Birthday greetings go to our Rebbetzin Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein whom all our women recognize as their inspiration and guide, and Yonina Yavneh. . . . Wedding Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Leff, Director and Mrs. Harry Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fox, Director and Mrs. Morris Jablow and Director and Mrs. Jacob H. Silverstein. . . . Have you heard about the Purim Cocktail Party being given by the Young People's Council? . . . Congratulations to David Kamerman who has accepted chairmanship of the annual dinner of Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim, which will be held at the Hotel Biltmore, Sunday evening, March 16th. Good luck.

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