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BASIS OF JEWISH SURVIVAL

By Isidor Teitelbaum

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(Sage of the Men's Club)

It is ever timely for Jews to consider the problem of survival, in America, and what we can do to aid each other in that direction. There is no doubt that many factors are to be conjured with, in order to clarify our own thinking on the subject; whether our solution of survival lies in the religious, economic or philanthropic fields, and if not, where does it actually lie.

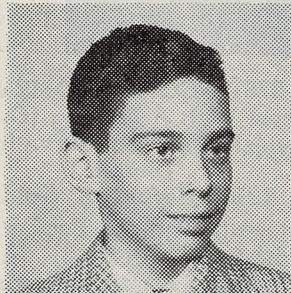
There are those who believe that the solution of the Jewish problem is to dedicate ourselves to the Faith of our Fathers. Others stress Jewish education for our children as essential. Some think that we ought to get out of the commercial and professional fields, and go back to the soil. Others, again, believe in assimilation. While, still others trace our trouble to our homelessness, and believe that the solution to our problem is a Jewish state in Palestine. Finally, we have the two last groups—one says that we must wage political and educational battles within the state councils of the world, in order to secure justice for our people, and the other—the benevolent and philanthropic groups, who have thus far, made the most marked progress in securing the moral and financial support of our people. They seem to think that contributing to the relief of the destitute, we are discharging our most sacred obligation to our people, and at the same time creating a bulwark against anti-Semitism.

The solution to our problem is much more deeply rooted. The solution of the Jewish problem is bound up with the problem of all the people throughout the world. It is basically political and economic.

The measure of justice ultimately meted out to our people, can be no greater than is given to others. As long as a system of exploitation by nations of minorities continues to exist, our position as Jews, one of the smallest minorities of the world, must remain insecure. What, then, can we do to endeavor to remove the danger and safeguard the position of our children in the future?

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BAR MITZVAH



Michael Friedman

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Friedman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael, in our Synagogue this Shabbus.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Attention Board Members

TIME: Monday, Mar. 10, at 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Home of Mrs. Samuel Greenman, 17 West 71st Street

OCCASION: Important Women's League Executive Board Meeting

YOUR DUTY: To Attend

RESERVE MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAR. 24, for the next Open Meeting.

An unusually interesting program has been arranged for this date.

Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Mrs. Al Braff and Mrs. Annie Eisenberg were the very gracious Hostesses at the Women's League Purim Meeting.

THE MATTER OF THE POCKETBOOK

Pocketbooks, Shabbus, and the Synagogue are incongruous. It is just like introducing into a sweet melody the shrill note of a hand organ. Of course, it is against the Jewish religion to carry a pocketbook on the Sabbath, so much the more, to bring it to the Synagogue. We attend Synagogue, on the Sabbath to worship G-d, but let us not at the same time violate one of His commandments.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL PURIM COCKTAIL PARTY

DATE: MARCH 9, 1947

TIME: 2:00 P. M.

PLACE: CREST ROOM—56 E. 56

ADMISSION: \$2.50 (incl. tax)

per person

CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM

April 4th and 5th

Just a little note to remind you that this year our Congregational Sedorim will be held at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 253 West 73rd Street. The price of \$8.75, per person, each night, includes all gratuities.

PLEASE, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW.

DONORS TO THE YESHIVA APPEAL

The appeal in our Synagogue on behalf of 105 Yeshivas, abroad, has met with a generous response. The following have sent in their donations in the past week:

S. Bendheim, Max Bienstock, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg, Samuel Gardner, Louis Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz, H. William Hirsch, Ike Holoschutz, Joseph Landowne, Moses Langer, G. Richard Rubenstein, Max E. Sanders, Joseph Shapiro, Leon Spanier, Mrs. B. Spieler, Mrs. S. Wollner and Louis Zucker.

Please send in your contribution!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ONEG SHABBUS

Continuing with their program of the Friday night Oneg Shabbus, the fourth of the season, held by the Young People's Council will take place tonight, at our building, at 8:30 P. M.

This evening's forum will be presided over by Ralph Schacter. The topic will be "What Makes One a Jew?"

All the young people of the Congregation are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

CONCERT

By Cantor Yavneh

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 16TH

Our sweet singing Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh, will hold his annual Maariv Service and Concert of liturgical music and folk songs, in our building on Sunday Evening, March 16th, at 8:15 P. M. Tickets may be obtained at his home, 100 West 76th Street. Tel. SC 4-4395, or at our office.

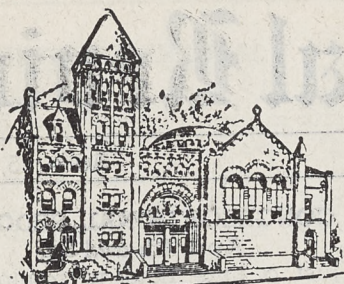
MEN'S CLUB MEETING

DATE: MARCH 10TH

PLACE: SYNAGOGUE

TIME: 8:30 P. M.

REFRESHMENTS



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SOL BLOOM AT SEVENTY-SEVEN

Tomorrow Congressman Sol Bloom will be 77 years old. He has served his country both officially and in an advisory capacity. He is never ashamed of his Judaism. At his home he makes Kiddush on Friday evenings, and even when Secretary Hull is his guest he has him cover his head until he completes his Kiddush and his Motzi.

At San Francisco at the U. N. O. meeting, he ordered a double portion of rolls on Friday morning so that they would serve for him for Shabbos as chalahs. He also lit his candles before the Sabbath entered. Although a very heavy smoker, he never smokes on Shabbos. Of course whilst this is expected of every normal Jew, yet unfortunately when some men reach high places they forget their religion.

The Agudath Israel Youth Council is tendering a testimonial and birthday dinner to Congressman Bloom at the Waldorf-Astoria on Sunday night, March 23rd. Tickets will be hard to get. However, we have some at our office. Let's all give our Congressman a birthday party which we know he does not seek but which he richly deserves.



276TH COMMANDMENT A Priest With A Passing (Curable) Blemish Shall Not Serve in the Temple

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

It is written in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 21, Verse 21, "Any man of the seed of Aaron, the priest, that hath a blemish shall not come nigh to offer the offering of the L-d, made by fire; he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread, of his G-d." As a rule where the word לֵבַיִם "ALL" is used in the Bible, it is to include something more than is expressed on the surface. In this instance it (the לֵבַיִם) includes not only a permanent blemish but also a passing physical (curable) blemish which a priest may possess.

The purpose of this commandment is as we expressed it above, namely

Basis of Jewish Survival

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First, we Jews must unite into one, democratically - constituted agency, here and abroad, for common counsel. Opinions prevail that Jews cannot unite. We have tried it in the past and failed. We have too many obdurate leaders, and they won't have it. It is not true that Jews cannot unite, if unity promises survival, and we Jews demand it. Unity does not mean unanimity of opinion. It does not mean that we must discard our individual and group ideologies, and at the same time, act as a unit. For example: The Democratic and Republican parties do not think alike. But, prior to an election, each party wages a campaign expounding their political and economic theories, and try to convince the people that their respective political and economic ideas are in the best interest of the people, but once the campaign is over, and either party is elected, a Congress is convened, composed of a majority and a minority of either party, and the government is formed, and the minority is bound by the decision of the majority. No minority, Democratic or Republican, takes a walk because it does not agree with the majority.

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that when we send gifts before a Sovereign we would not send them through a physically blemished person.

277TH COMMANDMENT The Priest Who Possesses a Blemish Should Not Enter Into the Temple

The priest who possessed a physical blemish was not to enter the Temple where the Menorah, Table and the Golden Altar were placed, namely between the porch and the Altar as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 21, Verse 23, "Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the Altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not My holy places; for I am the L-d who sanctify them."

This is to indicate that the physically blemished priest is not only commanded not to enter the forbidden place but to be distant from it (so that he will not falter and enter into the forbidden area).

The purpose of this commandment is to indicate the great honor, reverence and respect that was given and attached to the holy Temple.

The law of this commandment is that those priests who were forbidden to offer the service were also forbidden to enter into the Temple proper.

This political pattern must be adopted by the Jewish people. Ideological differences, such as held by Zionists, non-Zionists, war veterans, orthodox, and reformed, labor groups, all retain their group rights, and organizational structure, but all bound together in one major, overall, democratically - constituted agency of the Jewish people. And only such a body should be clothed with the exclusive authority to speak and act for all the Jewish people on matters affecting our political and economic rights and status as Jews here and abroad, wherever rights of Jews are violated or threatened. It must be distinctly understood that if any group within such proposed overall organization attempts to take any independent political action affecting our people, they should be repudiated, and not supported either morally, or financially. This is the democratic way, and would accrue to the best interests of our people. If this were established, the government agencies dealing with our representatives would be in a position to know who our authorized spokesmen are, and negotiate with such authorized representatives, exclusively.

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CUB PACK

There will be a meeting of our Cub Pack this Wednesday night at 7:30 P. M., at our building. All boys between the ages of 9 and 12 are eligible to attend. Parents are also invited.

Why don't you come down and become a member of Pack 523 this year?

GETTING PERSONAL

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were elected directors of the Stuyvesant Polyclini Hospital. Our young folks making good—Seymour Reichlin received top honors in his National Board Exams (Medical). Seymour is now attending Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Mo. . . . Spring is here and cupid begins to take action. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bernard Joffe upon the marriage of their daughter Elaine Gloria to Julius Blankstein, and also to the grandfather, our Director, David Cohen. . . . The same goes to Director and Mrs. Harry Josephson upon the marriage of their son, Sanford T., to Joyce Ann Diamond. . . . and also to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schweitzer upon the marriage of their son Nathan, Jr. to Ava Joseph. . . . Congratulations to Michael Blankfort, son of our Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort upon the publication of his new book, "Big Yankee," the story of the life of General Carlson of the Marine Raiders. . . . Have we the correct date of your birthday or wedding anniversary? If not, please send it in. . . . I hope that you are one of our many friends who enjoyed our Benefit Performance of the Opera, "Madame Butterfly," at the Metropolitan Opera House, last Sunday.

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Saturday Morning Service.....10:00
Junior Congregation10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:40
Mincha Service5:40
Reader of Torah: Moses Gottlieb
Reader of Service: Samuel Ward
Speaker: Jack Verschleiser
The Sabbath Terminates 6:15
Sunday Morning Services 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services

Mornings6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha5:45
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

GALA PURIM CARNIVAL

The children of our Talmud Torah will celebrate Purim on Sunday, March 9th, at 10 A. M. There will be a masquerade contest with prizes for the child with the most original costume. The Keren-Ami Council will put on a radio broadcast called "Headline Parade." All children are invited to bring "mishloach monos" (money gifts) which will be given to the United Jewish Appeal.

Prizes will be given to those of our students who secured contributions for the Vaad Hatzalah drive.

All children will receive Hamantashen—compliments of the Women's League.

Come and bring your friends.

SONG CONTEST

Three Prizes

A contest is now being conducted for a West Side Institutional Synagogue song.

The Synagogue is offering three cash prizes for the three best songs that are submitted. We advise you to submit your entries as soon as possible. They should be sent to the West Side Institutional Synagogue Song Competition, 122 West 76th Street, New York City. The name of the contestant should be put in a sealed envelope, in which the manuscript should be enclosed.

All of our amateur composers will find that this is the opportunity for which they have been waiting. Fame and fortune await the winner??

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow

I am quite sure that those of you who were present at our Congregational Sedorim in the past, will look forward with pleasurable anticipation to joining us again this year, on April 4th and 5th, when we will retell the ever new story of our liberation from the land of Pharaoh.

This year we have arranged to hold the Seder in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 253 West 73rd Street. In our desire to be of service to the community, we are conducting this upon a non-profit basis. The cost for each person each night will be \$8.75, which will include an appropriate holiday meal, wine, caps, Hagodahs and tips to the waiters and hat check.

In the reading of the service and in the explaining of its significance, Rabbi Goldstein will officiate and Cantor Yavneh will lead in the singing of the Traditional songs.

This is a fine opportunity for the younger generation to get a true insight and a proper perspective of the meaning of the ceremonials of the Seder. Our services are indeed impressive and inspiring. I urge you to make your reservations promptly.

GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Kamerman upon the engagement of their son, Morton, to Sheila Hope Brody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody and sister of Mrs. Paul Shapiro. . . . Good wishes to Marilyn Wohl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wohl, upon being admitted to Cornell Law School. . . . Best of luck to Mrs. Harry Ward upon her election as President of the newly organized Women's Auxiliary of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls. . . . Director and Mrs. Harry Mirken still retain the lovely tan they brought home from their 25th Wedding Anniversary trip to California. . . . Barbara and Jimmy Herlands appear to be completely at home in the Synagogue. Same holds true for Barbara and Stanley Kaplan. The younger generation follows in the footsteps of the old. . . . We are proud of Arthur Aibinder, of our Talmud Torah, who has his poems published in "Junior Citizen," put out by the Committee of Orthodox Jewish Education of the West Side. . . . A pleasant trip to Samuel Pevsner, who has left for a visit to Palestine. . . . Welcome home to William A. Munev, who has returned from a trip to Europe. . . . Are you going to the Purim Cocktail Party, being held by the Young People's Council, this Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M., at the Crest Room, 56 E. 56th Street? . . . A pleasant journey to Director and Mrs. Joseph Anderson on their trip to Hot Springs, Ark. . . . Glad to hear that Saul Bergman is well again. . . . With the worst of the winter over our flock returns. We welcome back Director and Mrs. Samuel Silver, Director and Mrs. William Horwitz and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herring. . . . This week our Wedding Anniversary greetings go to our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Weisberger on their 25th Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth, and Director and Mrs. Moe Oltarsh. . . . Our birthday greetings go to Mrs. Gustave Roth, Mrs. Al Braff, Barbara Kaplan, Samuel Maurice Ward, Raphael Yavneh, and James L. Wohl. . . . We welcome into our Congregation Mrs. Elmer Settel. . . . The Agudath Israel Youth Council is tendering a testimonial dinner to Congressman Sol Bloom, at the Waldorf, Sunday Eve, March 23rd. . . . Congratulations to Myron Goldman and Al H. Cohen, who

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