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BASIS OF JEWISH SURVIVAL

By Isidor Teitelbaum

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(Sage of the Men's Club)

We Jews are not persecuted because we belong to any particular group, whether we be Zionists, bankers, or peddlers.

We are persecuted as a people. It therefore becomes necessary to create a solidarity, to be effective in combating persecution.

Unity among Jews alone though desirable and necessary is not the complete answer to the problem. The problem is threefold. One, democratic unity of Jews. Two, we must shift from the philanthropic to the self-activities, because, philanthropy, though laudable, is doing something for others. We must endeavor to do something for ourselves, thus enabling us to do something for others. Three, we must, whenever possible, join with others, persecuted and oppressed groups and minorities, regardless of race, or nationality, in the battle for political and economic justice. We must do this, in order to safeguard our own position, as Jews, no matter what our station may be in the cultural, political, professional or economic life. We must be liberal in thought and deed. We must stand, and fight with all the liberal and progressive forces, even at the risk of being called radicals. Our enemies will call us leftists, and communists on one hand, and bankers on the other.

It is to be regretted that America, the recognized haven of the oppressed and persecuted, can not, as yet, fully be counted in the column of safety for our people. We Americans still elect into Congress such reactionaries as Bilbos, and men like him who help shape and guide the destinies of our nation. And until that is changed, we are in danger.

As a Zionist who believes in the necessity of unrestricted immigration, and a commonwealth in Palestine, which would enable us to develop culturally and economically in our own country, yet at the same time, I do not believe Palestine is the complete answer to our problem.

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MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS AND FORUM

SPEAKER: RABBI SAMUEL J. CHILL

ANNUAL CONCERT



Cantor Zalmon Yavneh

This Sunday evening, March 16th, at 8:00 P.M., at our building our sweet voiced Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh will hold his annual concert. This marks his twenty-first year of service.

The evening will feature a Special Maariv Service and a program of Liturgical Music and Folk Songs. Tickets are \$2.00 each including tax, and may be obtained at the Office.

OUR PASSOVER SEDORIM

April 4th and 5th

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JUNIOR LEAGUE

There will be a meeting of the newly formed Junior League, Sunday afternoon, March 16th, from 4 P. M. to 6 P. M., at the Synagogue. All the young men and women of the Congregation between the ages of 15 and 16 are invited to attend.

This Monday night we shall have the privilege of listening to Rabbi Samuel J. Chill, our guest speaker for the evening.

Rabbi Chill is now the spiritual leader of the Kingsway Jewish Center, and was formerly rabbi of Temple Israel, Long Beach.

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

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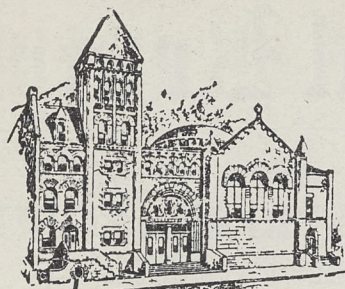
The response of our Congregation to the appeal made in the Synagogue on behalf of 105 Yeshivas abroad, in addition to the national institutions in the U.S. is beginning to show itself more fully. The following have sent in their donations in the past week.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ONEG SHABBUS

Tonight, at 8:30 P.M., at our building, the Young People's Council will hold its weekly Oneg Shabbus.

This evening's forum will be presided over by Edward Fertel. The topic will be, "Bringing Jewish Youth Back to Judaism."



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ORTHODOX JUDAISM AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

A real religious Jew, if he is true to Judaism, must be socially progressive. Social liberalism is not antagonistic to orthodox Judaism. It is the source of the Torah's teachings and prophetic preachments. The prophets were opposed to the status quo. "Just weights, and measures," and full wages were the dominant notes, stressed in the Bible and Talmud. Our love for our fellow-man, consideration for the servant in our household,—is a theme given prominence in the Talmud. "If there be one pillow in the house,—the servant and not the head of the house must receive it, lest the servant be made to feel an inferior station in life.

To the understanding Jew, social morality, fair-dealing with our employees, economic honesty, social justice, have a religious sanction and foundation. They all depend upon our relationship to G-d, which find its true evidence in our relationship to man. "Seek ye Me, and ye shall live" was uttered by the same Amos who declared, "Let justice flow as a stream, and righteousness, as a perennial brook."



278th COMMANDMENT

An Unclean Priest Shall Not Serve By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

An unclean priest shall not serve as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 2, "Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, which they hallow unto Me, and that they profane not My holy name: I am the L-d".

In the previous commandments we have been discussing the bodily defects that disqualified the priests from officiating in the Sanctuary and in the Temple. Now we shall discuss his physical purity.

The Holy food was to be eaten by the priests as well as by the other

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members of their families, only, if they were ritually clean.

If the priest trespassed this commandment he was guilty of excision. The expression, "holy things" is a comprehensive one for all the offerings presented on the altar. Even the offerings which the priests themselves bring to the altar on their own behalf, must not be sacrificed or eaten by them when they are ritually unclean. (Rashi).

The purpose of this commandment is as we have explained previously namely, to pay the highest respect to the Temple and to cause all those who serve therein to be in the highest physical and spiritual state of purity. When a person is ritually pure, he is mentally and spiritually alert. The reverse is true if he or she becomes ritually unclean.

The laws of this commandment are that the priest must cleanse himself from his impurity by means of the ritual bath and the setting of the sun. Without a ritual bath, one can never be in a state of ritual purity. The priest who trespassed this commandment was guilty of excision and received stripes.

Basis of Jewish Survival

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In a world of oppression, discrimination and exploitation, with have and have-not people, and nations, even a free commonwealth in Palestine may become unattainable, if secret diplomacy, commercial rivalry and balance of power, economic depressions, unemployment, are to continue, instead of the establishment of a united world, with justice and freedom and security for all the people.

We Jews would still remain in a dangerous position, even if we build up a thriving commonwealth in Palestine. There would be nothing to stop our enemies outside of Palestine. A hostile Moslem world would be against us, to undermine us there, while the nations of the world stand idly by, as they did when six millions of our people were wantonly murdered! Or as they stand by today, and permit a remnant of displaced persons to rot in German camps.

Therefore, while solidarity of Jews is essential, and while it is important for us to shift from the philanthropic to self-defense activities, because self-defense is more important, we cannot stop there. We must join

with all liberal forces everywhere to defend the rights not only of our people, but of all people, wherever they may be oppressed and discriminated against, and to demand justice and equity for all, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

This is a basis for survival.

SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Our senior basketball team, under the guidance of Ned Kirsh, is having a very successful season. All the young men of the Congregation, who are interested should contact Lester A. Lazarus, TR 7-8281.

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

We have reorganized our Synagogue Library, including the addition of numerous volumes. We now have a fine selection of Jewish books for boys and girls and a good selection of periodicals, Jewish History Books and novels. The library opens at 3:15 P.M., daily.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

Registration is still going on for our High School Classes, which meet Sunday at 10:00 A.M., and Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

In accordance with their annual custom, the Women's League took care of the requirements of our Talmud Torah, for their Purim Party.

Through their efforts, there was a plentiful supply of Hamen Taschen for the children in our Talmud Torah.

RED CROSS DRIVE

We urge all our readers to send their Red Cross contributions to Mrs. Morris Segerman, c/o W.S.I.S., 122 West 76th Street, who is the Women's League Red Cross Chairman.

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Friday Evening Service5:40

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class4:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:45

Mincha Service5:45

Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

An event which has attracted favorable comment and has become an annual occurrence, is the Maariv Service and Concert by our sweet-singing Cantor Zalmon Yavneh.

This year it is scheduled to take place in our Synagogue, Sunday, March 16th, at 8:00 P.M. His program will present for the delight of the listeners, a variety of Traditional Liturgical music and folk songs. Cantor Yavneh will be assisted by the eminent Choir-Master Samuel Sterner and his famous choir of twenty-two voices.

Max E. Sanders, our Vice-President will be Chairman of the evening, and Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will deliver an interesting message.

I earnestly urge you, our readers, to attend this musical occasion, and spend an enjoyable evening listening to melodies which will awaken within you, memories of the old familiar Jewish tunes of our youth.

Those who have attended Cantor Yavneh's previous concerts, look forward to Sunday evening March 16th, with a good deal of pleasure. They speak of it as a pleasant memory it will be worth your while to be present.

GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to Paul Newman for having his play, "Dollar Diplomacy," accepted by the players at Dartmouth College for production. This is the first time that a play written by a student will be produced. Paul is also the author of "Outdoor Evening," which was staged at the Dartmouth Winter Carnival. . . . Did you see who was under that huge sombrero Shabbus? If you looked hard enough you would have seen that it was Benjamin Wiener. . . . We were very happy to see Mrs. Joseph Shapiro and Mrs. Lewis R. Gottlieb and her daughter Adelaide in Schule Shabbus. . . . Talk of the Town: The grand success, and wonderful time had by all at the Young People's Purim Cocktail Party last Sunday. Many thanks to Nat Trotsky of the Carlton Caterers, for his generous donation of the canapes and hamentashin, which were so greatly enjoyed. Thanks to Debra Siegel, Renee Langer, Roslyn Fuchs, Rita Wacht and Ethel Barbara Joseph for their indispensable assistance. . . . Add another candle, this week, on the birthday cakes of Leona Kessler, Mrs. Allen Fox, Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum and Lester A. Lazarus. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Hirsch and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Toch who are commencing another year of marital bliss. . . . Seen around the Synagogue sporting a brand new Florida tan: Leon Herman and H. Wm. Hirsch. . . . Glad to see Morty Cohen up and around again after his recent illness. . . . Welcome home to our Director and Mrs. Morris Levine who just returned from their vacation in California. . . . Welcome to Seymour J. Morsoff, who has just become a member of the Congregation. . . . Many thanks to Miss Helene Langer for her donation of books to the Synagogue. . . . Do not forget to make your reservation for our Congregational Sedorim, April 4th and 5th.

Sorry to hear that Myra Greenman is ill. We wish her a very speedy recovery. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Greenman who are celebrating their second Wedding Anniversary. . . . Are you coming to Cantor Yavneh's Concert, this Sunday night, at 8:00 P. M., at the Synagogue? . . . Pleasant trip to Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg.

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