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FAITH AND REASON

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By Rabbi HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The Thirteen Principles of the Faith

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"I firmly believe that the Creator, blessed be His name, is both Creator, and Ruler of all created beings, and that He alone is the active cause of all things: whether past, present or future."

We have here as First Principle, the belief in the existence of G-d, as Creator, and Ruler of all Creation,—past, present and future.

First of all the notion of the existence of G-d has been expressed by all Mankind and has led not only to Monotheism, but to Polytheism, Pantheism, and Deism as well. It has come to us as Jews in three ways,—1) Through natural religion, 2) through philosophy and 3) through Revealed Religion. You and I experience a buoyant majestic awe, an inspired feeling, as we reach the top of a high majestic mountain and see all nature laying in front of us. We exclaim, in some fashion "Oh how great is the work of G-d!" The Psalmist put it this way—"The heavens declare the glory of G-d and the firmament tells of the work of His hands." But all these exclamations are the outbursts of occasional personal exhilarated feelings, — which, as a rule, are fine, excellent in themselves, but do not lead us anywhere.

There are also the philosophical arguments leading us to the existence of G-d, as for example, the teleological argument, the argument showing that nothing exists accidentally. The table, for instance, had a maker, and so all things had a designer, a fashioner, a creator. So too, the world must have had a Creator, a "First Cause."

Upon examination of all these arguments we find they help us to stave off skepticism, but do not always establish belief in G-d, thus the Psalmist, who spoke of Natural Religion,—as "the heavens declaring the glory of G-d", continues and

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION

WALDORF ASTORIA—JUNE 10th

ALBERT H. COHEN, CHAIRMAN
SOUVENIR ALBUM COMMITTEE



Albert H. Cohen

Our President, Lester Udell, takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Albert H. Cohen, as Chairman of the Souvenir Journal Committee of our Tenth Anniversary Celebration. The Album will be presented to the Guest-of-Honor, George L. Livingston, at the Dinner-Dance to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on June 10th. The Album, which will include complimentary ads from friends of the Synagogue will also contain the history of our Institution, and its services to the Community.

YISKOR SERVICES

Yiskor Services will be held at the Synagogue this Shabbus. Beside the regular Service in the Main Synagogue, there will be an overflow Service in the Social Hall at 11:00 A. M.

We are desirous of accommodating all those who wish to pray. However, the space that we have is limited. We hope, therefore, that those who are with us Shabbus, will bear with us if we are overcrowded. All those who come will be given an opportunity to say Yiskor. Our regular Worshippers are urged to come early, in order that they may be assured of obtaining their seats.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Speaker: Rabbi Samuel J. Chill

All Are Welcome

At the Men's Club meeting this Monday night, 8:30 P.M., at the Synagogue, Rabbi Samuel J. Chill will speak. Rabbi Chill is at present the spiritual leader of the Kingsway Jewish Center and formerly Rabbi of Temple Israel, Long Beach.

All members, their wives and their friends are invited to attend this meeting to listen to an interesting address.

Refreshments will be served.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

All Executive Board Members are urged to reserve the afternoon of Monday, April 21st for a very important Board meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, 88 Central Park West.

U. J. A. Tea

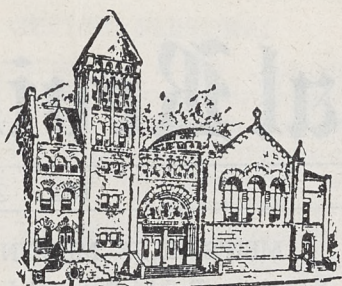
The Women's League announces that it will hold its U. J. A. Tea, Tuesday afternoon, April 29th, at the home of Mrs. Jess Ward, 15 West 81st Street.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ONEG SHABBUS

The Young People's Council announces that commencing with Saturday, April 26th, their weekly Oneg Shabbus will be held on Saturday afternoon, at 4:45 P.M., instead of on Friday nights. This change was made because of the success of the group and the desire on the part of those who attended to be able to spend more time with the group.

The Saturday afternoon meetings will consist of a discussion centered on "The Ethics of the Fathers."

We are sure that all the Young People of the Congregation will take advantage of this opportunity.



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PALESTINE AND THE UNITED NATIONS

The most recent press reports indicate that Great Britain in handing over the Palestine problem to the United Nations has not relinquished the Mandate. What can be the purpose of asking the General Assembly of the United Nations to tackle the Palestinian problem? Does not England by this time know that there are 140,000 Jews in D. P. camps, that the Jewish people and not the Arabs have revitalized Palestine, that the Jewish people and not the Arabs have offered to her and to the Allied cause tremendous sacrifices in manpower and in safety? Does she need another commission which the U. N. will have to set up, to indicate to her what she already knows? Unless she is prepared to follow to the conclusions of the new report, she will be in the position of one who calls into being a court of arbitration and then refuses to be bound by its findings. Great Britain can be pictured as one who is holding a cauldron of flames yelling, "Let me leave it", but still holds fast to it, by one hand.



283rd COMMANDMENT

A Defiled Woman of the Priestly Family May Not Eat of the Holy Food

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

A defiled woman of the priestly family may not eat of the holy food, namely of Terumah, so also she may not eat of the thigh and the shoulder blade of the peace offerings, which the daughters of a priest may eat. We read in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 12, "If the Priest's daughter be married unto a stranger, she may not eat of the offerings of the holy things." Because on marrying a layman she no longer belonged to the Priestly family. In this verse we have the word **תרומה** and the word **קדשים** the first is a reference to the fruits from the ground and the second refers to the peace offerings,

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ings, part of which were given to the Priest. However, if the daughter of a priest after marrying one of the laity, a Levite or an Israelite, (namely one who is a stranger from the Priesthood) which is a legal marriage, returned to her father's house after her husband's death she is allowed to eat of the **תרומה** but not of the sacrificial offerings because the Bible says, "If the daughter of a priest married a layman, she may not eat of 'the offerings',— **הקדשים** The daughter of a priest not only may not eat of the holy food if she marries a layman. So, also if she has any illegal relationship which would cause her to be defiled from the priest-hood, she may not eat of the Terumah. If after she had any illegal relationship or illegal marriage and returns to her father's house, then she may never eat of the Terumah or of the breast of the flank because she became a defiled priestess.

This commandment prevails in all places where the giving of the Biblical Terumah is practiced. If it was trespassed premeditatedly, and after warning, then the Priestess received stripes.

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indicates that there is another, a sure method chosen by G-d, by which fixity and certainty are obtained, namely, through Revelation,—in the words "the Revelation (the Law) of the Lord is perfect, it satisfies the soul."

What then does Revelation make of our conception of the Deity? It indicates that He is not only the First Cause, the Creator of heaven and Earth, but He is also in His essence of Creator, the "Manhig," — "the Ruler," the one who superintends, as it were, what He has created. In other words, He has not merely been the Father of the Universe, and then allowed it to roll out of His hands, as we do, when we send the ball down the bowling alley. G-d did not let the Universe roll out of His hands and say "Go down and smash"! We declare in our morning prayers, "He renews the work of Creation, every day in His goodness." We thus observe the world, ruled, and regulated in accordance with His FIXED laws of Creation.
(to be continued)

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

Model Sedorim

The following students participated in the "Model Sedorim" conducted by our Talmud Torah: Eli Richman, Annette Friedman, Peter Gordi, Yonina Yavneh, Irwin Wasserman, Allan Dash, Ralph Friedner, Joan Weingarten, Elaine Aibinder, Joseph Moses, Milton Ellenbogen, Maralyn Kaftal, Donald Bergman, Ann Hirsch, Jay Jacobson. Head "Fathers" were Sam Ward, Aaron Tomares, Lawrence Rubin.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolence, upon their loss, to the family of the late

SARAH WEISS

and to the family of the late
MAX KAHN.

copy June 10, 1947

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES**April 28, 1947 — 8:45 P.M.**

This year we will continue our custom of holding a Memorial Service of the departed, whose names are inscribed on the Synagogue's Memorial Tablet. The Service will be held in our building on Monday night, April 28th, at 8:45 P.M.

A program has been arranged which will include an address by our Rabbi, Herbert S. Goldstein, and a Chant of the Memorial Prayer by our Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh.

Invitations will be sent to the families of the departed.

PERMANENT HONOR ROLL**BOYS IN SERVICE**

It is planned to install an Honor Roll Plaque in the main lobby of the Synagogue. Every effort will be made to inscribe thereon the names of everyone affiliated with this Synagogue, who has served Our Country in World War II.

We invite the names of all Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Wacs and of every branch of the Armed Forces, that they may be inscribed on the Plaque.

If you are eligible, or if you know of those who are eligible, send in the names and addresses at once, to the office of the Synagogue. DO NOT DELAY!! ACT AT ONCE!!

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 Thursday Evening Service6:10
 Friday Morning Service8:30
 Friday Evening Service6:10
 Saturday Morn. Service (Yizkor) 8:40
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 5:20
 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 5:20
 Mincha Service6:20
The Sabbath Terminates6:52
 Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services
 Mornings 6:45, 8:00 8:30
 Mincha6:20

Followed by the Explanation
 of the Shulchan Aruch
 by Rabbi Goldstein

SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM**EVENT: PRACTICE SESSION****DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th****TIME: 7:30 P. M.****PLACE: P. S. 87, 77th St., Amst. Ave.****MAKING A WILL**

When you make your Last Will and Testament and desire to make a bequest to our Institution, please be sure and name our Institution in the following words: "I give, bequeath and devise to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a religious Corporation of the State of New York, located at 120-138 West 76th Street the sum of \$....." It is very important that the name appear correctly.

FOR INFORMATION

about one grave or a plot in our Memorial Park at Mt. Eden Cemetery telephone our office, TR. 7-8281.

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Aaron Wartels**CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.****By Morris Jablow**

This year our Board of Directors has selected George L. Livingston as the man to be the recipient of the Souvenir Album of 1947 and the guest of honor at the Dinner-Dance to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday evening June 10th, 1947. This honor is to be conferred upon him as a token of our appreciation of the outstanding and loyal services Mr. Livingston has rendered to our institution in the ten years of our existence.

Mr. Albert H. Cohen, the newly appointed chairman of the Souvenir Album Committee has expressed his determination to make this year's Album a volume of unusual merit and worthy of the unusual qualities of the man to be honored.

Not only will the Souvenir Album be filled with complimentary advertisements inserted by the friends of our institution, it will also contain a history of the ten years useful work of this organization, its activities, its aims, and its hopes for the future. It will be a volume to be treasured.

I hope that every one of you, our readers, will join to make these ambitious plans come true.

GETTING PERSONAL

Congrats to our playwright Paul Newman, whose play, "Dollar Diplomacy" was such a huge success that there will be a return engagement at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. on May 8th. . . In the birthday column this week congratulations go to our own Rabbi S. Hurwitz, Norman Ostrov, the Man of the Year, our Director George L. Livingston, and Stanley R. Kaplan, age 4, son of our Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan. . . Our Wedding Anniversary Greetings go to our Director and Mrs. Jess Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Reich. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisel, (formerly Tillie Rosenthal) who often generously donated flags, banners and athletic accessories to our Talmud Torah upon their recent marriage. . . Contributions are still being received as a result of the appeal made in our Synagogue on behalf of 105 Yeshivas abroad, as well as Institutions in the United States. Contributions were received this week from Jules S. Cohen, Edward Jacobs and Jacob H. Silverstein. If you have not already sent your contribution, do so now! . . . Our Congregational Sedorim, last week, were a huge success. They were both impressive and enjoyable. We hope that those of you who were not able to be with us this year, can join us next year, with this year, will join us next year, with to see Harry Appel (The Big Apple) at the meeting of the Board of Directors last week. . . You may have heard about the Housing problem, but have you heard about Jack Berlin's "Closet Problem?" Ask him about it. . . If you saw the tie Morty Langer was sporting around last Thursday, you'd wonder whether it was Passover or St. Patrick's Day. . . By the way, the Blue N' White Club (Young Men and Women between the ages of 18 and 21) is having its Annual Spring Frolic Dance, at the Synagogue, Saturday night, April 19th. Are you coming? . . . Many thanks to our Director Samuel Silver, Chairman of the Seder Committee, for the very fine arrangement of our Community Seders. Lillian Pruzan and Ann Paula Hirsch performed well in asking the "Four Questions." . . . Wedding Anniversary Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Druckman. . . Congratulations to Dr. Samuel Weiss, who received the Degree of Doctor of Science at the 100th Commencement of Hahnemann Medical College of Phila., Pa.

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