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PLACING THE BLAME

By Isadore Teitelbaum

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The U.J.A. had other ideas in mind. It was having under consideration admitting more agencies, such as the American and World Jewish Congresses, HIAS, ORT, and others. It, therefore, informed the Joint Defense Appeal of its plan, and requested it to wait until an all inclusive plan could be worked out to embrace all of the organizations referred to. The Joint Defense Appeal turned a deaf ear to this proposal. It would not wait, and instead used some of its most influential leaders and contributors within the Joint Defense Appeal to force the U.J.A. to admit it at once. They went so far as to threaten the U.J.A. with withholding their support in the current United Jewish Appeal Drive; the Joint Defense Appeal were immediately included into the U.J.A.

The U.J.A., fearing possible reprisals, of non-support, if the Joint Defense Appeal demands were not met, acquiesced to the demands, and admitted them.

The American and World Jewish Congresses having previously expressed willingness to wait until this all-inclusive plan could be worked out to admit the other organizations, then found itself in the position of being left out on a limb, so to speak, because once it became known to the public that the U.J.A. had included defense funds in its fund raising allotments, the public would believe that there were no further need for separate defense fund raising drives. In such an event the American and World Jewish Congresses would find it difficult to get independent financial support from the public.

In spite of the fact that the American and World Jewish Congresses with their ever-expanding program have made every effort to secure allotments from the U.J.A. commensurate with their program, they have been unable to do so. They were obliged to accept an allotment far below their budgetary requirements to do an adequate defense job for our people here and abroad.

(To Be Continued)

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, GRAND BALLROOM, WALDORF ASTORIA

Every true friend of our Institution should take part in celebrating the ten years of our existence. The undertaking is a huge one, and the cooperation of everyone is needed. Reservations should be made immediately for the Formal Dinner Dance at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday June 10th. Our Director George L. Livingston, will be the Guest of Honor.

In honor of the Celebration we shall also have a Souvenir Album that will be filled with the Highlights of the History of the Synagogue, as well as with ads from friends of the Synagogue and from friends of the Guest of Honor. It is our desire to make the Album and Dinner Dance the largest and the most successful we have ever had. Not only should we all place our own ads in the Album and make our own reservations for the Dinner Dance, but we should make a concerted effort to get ads and reservations from our friends and business associates.

No stone should be left unturned until we know that we have done everything possible to assure the success of this Celebration.

YOUTH TAKES OVER ANNUAL SERMON CONTEST

The young men of the Congregation will conduct the entire service on May 17th. They will read the Torah, chant the Service, and do the ushering.

Any of the young men of the Congregation who are interested in reading a portion of the Torah on Youth Sabbath should contact Mr. Konovitch at once.

The winners of the Sermon Contest (all manuscripts must be submitted not later than May 11th, and must be unsigned and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the contestant's name) will occupy the pulpit on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon.

By clipping off, and filling in the coupons you may make your reservation for the Dinner Dance, or place your Ad in the Souvenir Album.

Tickets for the Dinner Dance are \$17.50 per person (federal tax included).

Please Send me tickets for your Dinner Dance, June 10th.

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MEN'S CLUB MEETING

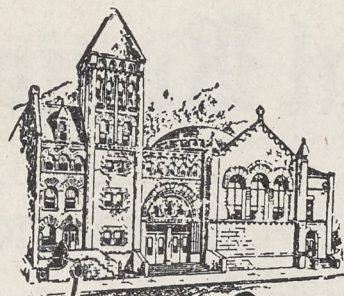
Speaker: Rabbi David Hollander

The next meeting of the Men's Club will take place at the Synagogue building on Monday night, May 5th, at 8:30 P.M.

The speaker for the evening will be Rabbi David Hollander. He is a graduate of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Seminary, and was formerly the Rabbi of West New York. He is now the spiritual leader of the Congregation Mt. Eden Jewish Center of the Bronx.

He is a forceful speaker and will undoubtedly have an interesting message to deliver.

Please come and bring your friends, both ladies and gentlemen. Refreshments will be served.



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WHY \$170,000,000 in 1947?

These are some of the problems confronting the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. The Joint Distribution Committee must provide immediate emergency and long-range aid for our people overseas. In January 1946 there were 85,000 Jews in D. P. Camps. Today there are more than 250,000.

As a result of new anti-Jewish violence in Poland, and other parts of Europe, our people are on the move again. Those in flight, and those in D. P. Centers NEED Food, Shelter, Clothing, Medical care, Vocational and Educational aid and Emigration help. Furthermore, this year, we have a new and tremendous additional burden, in view of the fact that UNRRA is being liquidated.

To sum up, more than one million Jews need help this year. This includes 100,000 in Poland, 100,000 in Rumania, 20,000 youth and adults for vocational training, 120,000 in Hungary, 76,000 children in Orphan and Foster Homes. Our tasks are gigantic, for hand in hand with Relief must come Reconstructive Help. For all these, every Jew will have to make a substantial contribution.



285th COMMANDMENT A Blemished Animal Is Not to Be Sanctified

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Anything that has a blemish is not to be brought or set aside as a sacrifice for the altar, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 19, "Whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not bring; for it shall not be acceptable for you". In other words, not only is it forbidden to offer a blemished animal for sacrifice, but to sanctify it is also forbidden. For to sanctify it is an integral part of the offering. G-d does not look to the quantity or to the cost of the sacrifice but to the spirit in which it is offered, says the Talmud. The great Christian preacher, Henry Ward Beecher, used to say, "G-d does not like defective devotion. When a man gets old and becomes religious he is a בעל מום "a blemished offering." The Zohar says, commenting upon the verse,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ONEG SHABBUS

The weekly Oneg Shabbus of the Young People's Council will take place tomorrow afternoon, at 4:45 P.M. at the Synagogue Building.

The discussion on Jewish Ethics will be continued this week, and will be led by Sylvia Kestenbaum.

All the Young People of the Congregation and their friends are invited to attend. A very pleasant afternoon will be had by all. Refreshments will be served.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

The W. S. I. S. Boys Club is forming a Saturday Afternoon Oneg Shabbus Group for young people of 13 to 15 years of age. The first get-together will take place in our building on Saturday, May 3rd at 3:30 P.M. An interesting program of Sabbath Songs, talk, fun and refreshments has been arranged. All young people are urged to attend.

"Thou shalt stand before the old man", says "before you get old, stand up". Become religious before you get the signs of the hoary head, the limping foot and the shorter shadow. Or as King Solomon puts it in the Book of Ecclesiastes, "Remember your Creator in your youth". We are not to come to G-d spiritually crippled.

This commandment prevails at all times, at all places. It refers to males and females and he who trespasses it even today is guilty of breaking a negative commandment.

286th COMMANDMENT Every Offering Had to Be Perfect By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Every offering had to be a perfect species of its kind; as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verses 20 and 21, "Whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not bring . . . it shall be perfect". This law refers not only to the sacrifice but also to those things which accompany the sacrifice, as for instance the bread and the oil. All had to be completely perfect and clear of any defect for it is written in Numbers, Chapter 28, Verse 31, "They shall be unto you without blemish, they and their drink offerings". In other words, everything connected with the sacrifice must be in perfect order.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

All of the women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend a session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and meeting of our Women's League which is to be held on Monday afternoon, May 5th at two o'clock sharp at our building.

An important announcement will be made on this occasion.

A social hour will follow the meeting.

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

On May 11th, the children of our school will participate in a huge field day outing to be held at Cunningham Park, L. I., sponsored by the Committee for Orthodox Jewish Education of the West Side. Various athletic events will be held and chartered buses will transport the children to and from the park.

All children must receive written permission from their parents before they can participate, so hurry.

BAR MITZVAH THIS WEEK



Chaim Lerner

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lerner upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Chaim, this Saturday at the Synagogue.

PLAY BALL!!

The next meeting of our Senior Basketball Team, coached by Ned Kirsh, will be held at the gym of P.S. 87, 77th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Wednesday night at 7:30 P.M.

PALESTINE EXCHANGE STUDENT

Any orthodox young lady or young man desiring to study in Tel Aviv, Palestine, contact Mrs. Elefant, 370 Columbus Ave., TR. 4-6455.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

To-Day is the 27th of the Omer
Lag B'Omer—Wednesday Night

Light Candles Friday Eve	7:32
Weekly Portion: Achare - Kedoshim	
Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Intermediate Youth	
Oneg Shabbos	3:30
Young People's	
Discussion Group	4:45
Rabbi Hurwitz Talmud Class	6:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	6:45
Followed by a Siyum at 7:30.	
Mincha Service	7:45
The Sabbath Terminates	8:14
Sunday Morning Service	6:45, 8:45
Daily Services	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:45
Mincha	7:40

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolence to the family of our esteemed member and former director

JACK LEVINE

upon their tragic loss,
and to the family of

ESTHER FRANK

upon their bereavement.

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow

Recently a letter was sent by Albert H. Cohen, Chairman of the Souvenir Album Committee and Joseph Anderson, Chairman of the Dinner Ticket Committee to the members of the General Committee, asking these friends to help us make our Anniversary Celebration successful.

Among the very first replies was a letter containing the following: "It is a pleasure to enclose my check to cover the cost of an advertisement in the Souvenir Album to be presented to George L. Livingston, the Guest of Honor, and for two tickets to the Dinner Dance to be held on June 10, 1947, at the Waldorf Astoria. In my opinion you made an excellent choice in selecting Mr. Livingston. I read in your paper that the organization meeting of this institution was held in his home ten years ago. I know that he has devoted his time, his energies, and his able talents to promote the activities of this Synagogue. He certainly deserves the recognition, and I am happy to add my personal tribute."

I ask all of you, our readers, to be with us on June 10 and help us make the evening a grand success.

W. S. I. S. BOYS CLUB

The W. S. I. S. Boys Club, to which all the boys of the Congregation are invited to attend, has changed its meeting time from Saturday nights to Sunday nights at 8:00 P.M.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cohen upon the engagement of their daughter Ruth R. to Max Goldstein. . . Many thanks to Elias Grossman for donating an etching of the "Wailing Wall" in connection with the Talmud Torah drive to raise money for the United Jewish Appeal. . . . Our Vice President Max E. Sanders presided over a debate between the Talmud Torahs of the Jewish Center and the Beth Hillel Institute. . . . Congratulations to our Cub Master, Stanley Schwartz who has been accepted in the Yale Graduate School of Engineering, and has also been offered an Assistantship by the University. Stanley is now attending C.C.N.Y. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gross upon the birth of a daughter Barbara Lynn, and to the grandparents Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Maneschewitz. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Nat Topor upon the birth of a daughter, Fromme Helen. . . . Congratulations to Senator and Mrs. Albert Wald who have become grandparents upon the birth of Meryl Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Moses. . . . This week our Birthday Greetings go to Leonard Feinstein, Isidore Lauer, Renee Langer, Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mrs. Sol Redlich and our Director Jess Ward. . . . Wedding Anniversary Greetings go to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Weinstein. . . . The Pidyan Haben took place Sunday afternoon of Melvyn Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Annie Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Streit. . . . Are you interested in studying in Tel Aviv, Palestine? See the Ad in this issue of the "Review". . . . Have you your tickets for our 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance to be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria, Tuesday night, June 10th, and have you placed your Ad in our Souvenir Album to be presented, that night, to the Guest of Honor, George L. Livingston???? . . . Mrs. Jess Ward is to be congratulated upon her beautiful Dessert Luncheon which was given at her home for our Women's League in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. . . . Pop Wartels expects everyone to be present at the Siyum that will follow Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class this Saturday afternoon at 7:30 P.M. . . .

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