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PLACING THE BLAME

By Isadore Teitelbaum
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In combatting anti-Semitism we must insist upon one all inclusive, democratically constituted organization. It would be charged and empowered with the responsibility of collecting and disbursing funds for defense. There should be but one group of spokesmen for our people. They should be the elected representatives of our communities throughout the United States.

In this atomic age the nations of the world realize that unless some form of collective security be established, in more ways than one, there is danger that they may destroy one another. They have decided, therefore, to establish such collective security by uniting under the U. N. and ward off the danger. Yet we Jews, the most persecuted minority, disbursed among the nations of the world, remain divided.

It is argued that Jews cannot unite. This is not true. They will unite if unity means survival. We must find out just where the fault lies and try to correct it. It becomes necessary, therefore, to reveal conditions behind the organizational scenes in Jewish life and to get at the truth regarding them. There is a philanthropic hierarchy which obstructs unity. It will continue to dominate Jewish life by remote control until something is done. This evil can be corrected by democratizing the philanthropic and defense agencies so that those elected by the people will control and otherwise be vested with the authority to speak and act for the Jewish people. We must, of necessity, reject those who arbitrarily assume the autocratic role of collecting, disbursing, speaking and acting for our people without the mandated authority to do so.

A new cultural philosophy must permeate our thinking. We dare not think in terms of perpetuating the power and prestige of ourselves or of our individual organizations, no matter how devoted we may be to them. The welfare and safety of our people as a whole must be permanent. The present leadership,
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DINNER DANCE — DRESS OPTIONAL TENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES

Tuesday, June 10th, Grand Ball Room, Waldorf Astoria

Ten years ago the West Side Institutional Synagogue was founded. On September 30, 1937, the first meeting of the Charter Members was held. There were 140 enthusiastic men and women present at that meeting.

If you glance back at the first issue of the West Side Institutional Synagogue Review, dated November 5, 1937, you can read of the dreams and hopes of a new organization. A Women's League was organized, along with a Boy Scout Troop. We were very proud of our Talmud Torah. There were seven teachers and eleven classes. In that issue of the "Review" you can also read of plans for our first big affair. A "bazaar" was to be held under the direction of Harry Appel. Then, there was the beginning of the weekly Talmud Class, the Men's Bible Class, the Young People's Mincha Services, the Junior Council, and the Children's Saturday Morning Services.

We had a "Getting Personal" in that first "Review". In it we read

that Gabby Goldstein was the first leader of the Jewish Youth League, Mrs. David H. Ullman was the first President of the Women's League, Miss Gertrude Bendheim and William B. Herlands announced their engagement, and Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth were celebrating their 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

Since that first Charter Meeting in 1937 a lot of water has passed over the dam. Our Institution has grown by leaps and bounds. The activities and services to the Community are too numerous to list here.

On June 10th we are going to celebrate our 10th Anniversary, the ten years of progress that we have made. There will be a grand Dinner Dance at the Waldorf Astoria, and a Souvenir Album to commemorate the occasion will be presented to the Guest of Honor, George L. Livingston. We know that all of you will want to participate, and you can do so by purchasing your ticket to the Dinner Dance, and placing your Ad in the Souvenir Album, AT ONCE.

YOUTH SHABBUS

Winners: Jack Verschleiser
Herbert Reichlin

Tomorrow the Youth of the Congregation will have their Day. They will take over the Services tomorrow morning and afternoon. They will act as the Ushers, read the Torah and Chant the Service.

The winners of the Sermon Contest are Jack Verschleiser and Herbert Reichlin.

Jack Verschleiser will act as Rabbi, and deliver his Sermon on Saturday morning, while Herbert Reichlin will act as Rabbi and deliver his Sermon at the Mincha Service. We offer our congratulations to the winners and hope that everyone will come to Synagogue tomorrow for this event.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Men's Club this Monday evening, May 19, 1947, at 8:30 P.M., at the Synagogue building.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

In accordance with their annual custom, our Women's League will be hostesses to the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at their Shevuoth gathering, which will be held at our building on Tuesday afternoon, May 20th at 2 o'clock.

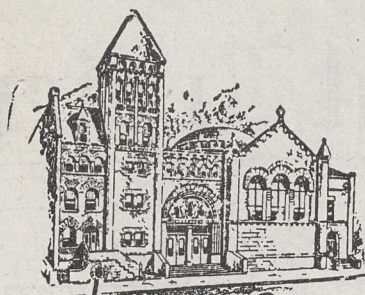
The guest speaker on this occasion will be Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, spiritual leader of Congregation Zichron Ephraim.

An excellent musical program will also be presented.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ONEG SHABBUS

Tomorrow afternoon, at the Synagogue building, the Young People's Council will hold its weekly Oneg Shabbus, at 4:45 P.M.

The topic for discussion, for the afternoon, will center around Jewish Ethics. This week the meeting will be led by Roslyn Fuchs.



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PEACE NOT BOUGHT BY DOLLARS

The new American policy as enunciated by President Truman, to send money into countries that are overrun by the Communists is one fraught with great danger.

You cannot bury ideas with dollars, guns and armaments. The spread of Communism comes about largely when the stomachs of the people are empty. What the world needs is not money but food. By virtue of the black markets in the countries where food is lacking, money is insufficient to provide food for the whole population.

It is interesting to note that the Prophets Isaiah and Micah, in envisioning world peace, spoke of the time when "the sword shall be beaten into ploughshares and the spears into pruning hooks". When we convert steel from tools of war into farming implements, we will usher in the great days of universal peace.

Instead of maintaining large armies throughout the world at a great expense to government, the men should be sent to the soil to produce grain out of the earth that will bring bread to the people and bring security and peace.



287th COMMANDMENT Not to Cause a Blemish to Be Made In Holy Things

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We may not make any kind of blemish or fracture whatsoever in an animal that is set aside as an offering for the altar, for it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 21, "And whosoever bringeth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the L—d in fulfilment of a vow clearly uttered, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock; it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein." The Rabbis translate the words לא יהיה לא יהיה as

"Loh y'hahye," which means "one should not cause." a (holy thing) to be blemished. (Sifra) In other words, not only is the animal not to have any blemish but one may not make or

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cause one. The reason for this is that we should not show disrespect for the things sanctified to the L—d. There should be a certain feeling of awe and honor paid to the holy Temple, to its ministers and its offerings.

The laws of the commandment are that one who trespassed it violates a positive commandment and is to receive stripes, and if he exchanged it for a perfect one he is forbidden to blemish it. However, in the case of the first-born and the tenth of one's flock, (because the first and the tenth by being the first-born, or the tenth, makes it holy in itself) no exchange can take the place of the first or the tenth. In other words, to exchange them cannot make the new animal, the first-born of the tenth. However, the exchanged first-born or the tithed may be blemished.

These laws are to be found in the Mishnah Temura and in the Talmud Zevachim. This law pertains to all places and times and refers to females as well as males. However, the punishment of stripes is not to be inflicted except when the Holy Temple is in existence for it is only then that there are offerings for the altar.

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who are the heads of the various competitive organizations, may very well retain their power and prestige and even be elevated to positions of higher trust, but they can and should remain there only by the will of the people through the democratic processes.

In the light of the foregoing facts presented, it becomes timely and necessary that a re-examination and re-appraisal of the whole matter of Jewish philanthropy and Jewish defense be made at the earliest possible moment. To the end that the evils now existent, namely, competition, duplication and the undemocratic methods employed by the various Jewish philanthropic and de-welfare of the whole of the Jewish people.

This can be accomplished if the groups and individuals who support the various causes call upon their leaders in their respective communities throughout this country and demand that it is done. We must go so far, if necessary, as to withhold financial and moral support from these various competitive undemo-

cratic agencies on the principle of no taxation without democratic representation.

The end.

DONORS TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPEAL

The Appeal on behalf of the Jewish Community School, made in our Synagogue, has met with a generous response. The following sent their donations last week.

Julius Bayer, S. Bendheim, Mrs. M. Bergman, Dr. Adolph Berger, Jack Berlin, Mrs. Feller Dym, Mrs. B. Fisher, Myron Friedlander, Mrs. J. Fuchs, Alexander M. Golden, Josephine H. and Naomi R. Goldstein, Wm. Hirsch, David Kamerman, Moses Langer, Morris Levinson, Irving Marks, Sol Redlich, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reichlin, Gustave Rubenstein, E. Samson, H. I. Schacter, Samuel W. Siegel, E. Ukeles, Jess Ward, Pinkus Wassertheil and Jack Wolf.

Contributions were also received from:

Harry Appel, Joseph Shapiro, Aaron Wartels, and Harold Wohl.

If you have not already sent your contribution, please do so at once.

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

Our Talmud Torah is now conducting a United Jewish Appeal drive which they hope will raise about \$500. The Keren Ami Council is doing everything possible to further this end. The following students are out in front: Jay Ball, A. Grossman, Lawrence Rubin and Samuel Ward.

Our Arts and Crafts Department is now working on Special Leathercraft projects for the Shevuoth holiday. The girls group is making special Shabbus and Holiday chalos covers.

We want to welcome the following new students to our Hebrew school: Lyonel Mehler, Celia Feiler, "bruchim haboim".

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

In May 1937, the W.S.I.S. was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston. Now that ten years have passed, and we are firmly established, it is surely a fitting occasion to show our gratitude and appreciation, by presenting to our director a token of our esteem for his devotion.

I earnestly hope that each and every one of you, our readers, will do the following two things for our institution.

(1) Insert your own complimentary advertisement in the Souvenir Album to be presented to the Guest of Honor, George L. Livingston, in recognition of his outstanding service for the past ten years, and if possible try to get your friends and business associates to do likewise. Surely you want your name to be in that memorable volume.

(2) Join us at the Waldorf Astoria on June 10th, and help us celebrate the marvelous progress we have made in the past ten years.

Everything possible is being done to make the evening enjoyable and memorable. I know you will not want to miss this occasion.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Welcome home and congratulations to Justin Colin who recently graduated from Harvard College. Now that Justin is in the city we hope we will have the pleasure of seeing him more often. . . We hope and pray that Herbert Reichlin will have a speedy recovery. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shapiro upon the birth of their firstborn, Sue Anne,—and to the grandparents Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro. . . The platform was rather empty last Saturday. Missing from Schule were our President Lester Udell, and our Vice-President "Pop" Wartels. . . Hurry! Hurry to make your reservations for the "Day in the Country." If you want to be included in the Women's League Party, mail your check of \$5.00, (made out to the Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue), immediately, to Mrs. Walter Freeman, care of the Synagogue. . . All of us, including Harold, are very proud of Pearl Kaplan, who has a number of her paintings on exhibit at East Hall, Columbia University. . . The Women's Auxiliary of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls, of which Mrs. Harry Ward is President, invites all the members of the Congregation to a Musicale of Classical Music, which will be held on Wednesday evening, May 21st at 8:00 P.M., at the Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street. There will be no admission charge. . . This week our Birthday Greetings go to Stephen Ian Greenman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Greenman, Samuel Diamond, Benjamin Spanbock, Mrs. Morris Segerman, Joel Ira Blumenthal, and Nat Trotsky. . . Our Wedding Anniversary Greetings go to Director and Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Dattlebaum, and Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum. . . Don't wait until the last minute to purchase your tickets for our Tenth Anniversary Dinner to be held at the Waldorf Astoria, June 10th, or to insert your Ad in the Souvenir Album. . . Many people who heard Rabbi Schnerson of Paris last Saturday in the Synagogue, asked for the name of the Organization for which he spoke, so that they might send their checks. The name of the Committee is, "American Aid for Jewish Children in Europe." . . Renee Langer gave a party in honor of Josephine Goldstein's forthcoming wedding. . . We have decided to have "Dress Optional" for our Anniversary Dinner. —

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