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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 believe with perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His Name, is not a body, that corporeal relations do not apply to Him, and that there exists nothing that is in any way similar to Him.

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Michael Friedlander in his "The Jewish Religion" explains this thought as follows:

"In the Bible anthropomorphic expressions are employed in order to illustrate the different acts of Divine Providence in such a way as to render them more intelligible to us human beings. We consist of body and soul, and we produce an impression or exercise an influence on others by means of our body and by the activity of our bodily organs. How an incorporeal being acts upon the corporeal world we are unable fully to comprehend, much less to describe. If we desire to picture to ourselves or to others the fact that through Divine Providence something has been produced on earth, we must employ the same phrases which we use in describing human acts which effect a similar result. In reality, however, there is no comparison or similarity between G-d and corporeal beings, between His actions and ours.

When we therefore speak of the house of G-d we mean the house which we devote to our prayers, in which we feel the omnipresence of the Almighty more than in any other place. The heaven is called the throne of G-d and the earth His footstool only to express the idea that the majesty of G-d is far beyond comparison with that of any earthly ruler, and that the house of G-d built by human hands is not intended to satisfy the requirements of the Supreme Being but those of man. We call Him our Father and He calls us His children, because we love Him as we love our father, and He loves us as a father loves his children. In the same sense the Psalmist (ii.7) repeats the words of G-d to him, "Thou art my son; I

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ASSISTANT RABBI CHOSEN



Rabbi O. Asher Reichel

Our Board of Directors has chosen Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, spiritual leader of Congregation Zichron Ephraim, of E. 67th Street in this City, as assistant Rabbi of our Congregation.

Rabbi Reichel, received his ordination at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, his Bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Yeshiva College, and his Master's degree, in Education, from New York University. He is a member of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Rabbi Reichel's zeal and his erudition combined with his cheerful and youthful spirit will, we feel confident, endear him to young and old alike. We welcome him heartily into our midst and wish him every success.

TO OUR MEMBERS

We urge all of you to send your requests for High Holy Days seat reservations now. We are having extensive improvements made in the Synagogue and therefore we expect to have an increased demand for seats. Prices are the same as those of last year.

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The following are the graduates of our Talmud Torah for this year:

Abraham Coiffman, Simon Dresner, Nathan Flaks, Rosalyn Freides, Jeanette Gottlieb, Ruth Kranz, Henry Marringer, Joseph Morgenstern, Elsie Oelberger, Rena Tomares, Samuel Ward, and Jack Wohl.

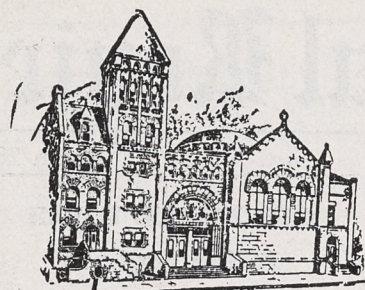
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COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING AGAIN

President Truman's Commission is calling for universal military training in the United States. Military training has never brought peace. European history is an eloquent but sad evidence of this fact. What we need is not military training but universal disarmament. The United States should use its power and prestige through the United Nations to bring about a speedy universal disarmament. Let us remember that the nations will never bury their hatchets so long as they are interested in getting their own axes ground.

What the world needs is less suspicion and more assurance of peace. This can be brought about by the creation of United Nations Arsenals in different parts of the world manufacturing such implements as would be needed both for a large United Nations army; and for manufacturing a limited number of arms to be given to each country for its self protection within its own borders. Unless we be moved by a genuine spirit of peace, our generation will be doomed for greater and more destructive wars.



293rd COMMANDMENT

An Animal Offering is Acceptable Only After the 8th Day of Its Birth

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Every sacrificial offering had to be at least 8 days old as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 27, "When a bullock or sheep, or a goat is brought forth . . . from the 8th day and henceforth it may be accepted for an offering."

First of all, let me note the fact that the three animals (bullock, sheep or goat) are the only ones acceptable for sacrifice of the 10 animals of which we are permitted to eat. See Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 14, Verses 4 and 5. These are domesticated. They are within

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have this day begotten thee." Such expressions as these are anthropomorphic.

The Bible frequently exhorts us not to imagine or ascribe to G-d any form or likeness. Comp. Deut. iv.15, "Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of form on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of fire." In the same sense the prophet asks in the name of G-d (Isa. xi.18), "To whom then will you liken G-d, or what likeness will you compare unto Him?" "To whom then will you liken Me, that I should be equal to Him? saith the Holy One" (Ibid.25)..

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"I believe with Perfect Faith that the Creator, blessed be His Name, was the first and will be the last."

This principle of our Faith lays down the principle of the Eternity of G-d. It is absolutely impossible to separate the idea of existence from the idea of G-d. G-d is always existent, therefore no beginning nor

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reach and do not necessitate hunting. In bringing a domesticated animal, one felt that he was giving up something that had been close to him. It is significant that the word for sacrifice in Hebrew קרבן means something "that is near", something that is part of us which is the true indication of a sacrifice.

We do not know whether an animal is well-born unless it reaches its eighth day. As a matter of fact an animal less than eight days old is not desirable for food nor is it traded or given for a present. Certainly it should not be brought for an offering to the L—d. An animal born through a Caesarian operation is not fit for an offering. An animal born after the mother was slaughtered (found in the mother's body) may not be offered, as the Bible says it shall be seven days under the dam (the mother) but from the 8th day it may be accepted for offering. It is not perfect according to the scheme of creation, and therefore is regarded as blemished or unfit for sacrifice.

If one sacrificed an animal before it was eight days old, he trespassed a positive commandment.

end can be set to His existence. He is אלוקי קדם (Deut. 33:27) "the G-d of yore,—the Eternal G-d" and on the other hand, His existence is beyond the life or age of this world, as we read in Psalm 102, Verses 26 and 27, "They shall perish but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them and they shall be changed. (27) But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end", and as we read in Psalm 90, Verse 2, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or even Thou gave birth to the earth, and the world, even from Everlasting to Everlasting Thou art G-d."

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Numbers 13:1 - 15:41

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Saturday Morning Service9:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 7:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 7:15
Mincha Service8:15
The Sabbath terminates8:56
Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha8:10

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of the Shulchan Aruch
by Rabbi Goldstein

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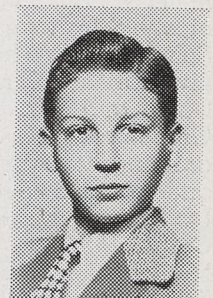
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Well, our Tenth Anniversary Dinner went over with a bang. We met our quota! The Souvenir Album filled with complimentary ads was presented to our Guest of Honor, George L. Livingston. Did George and Reggie beam! Everyone had a lovely time. . . . We acknowledge our thanks to the General chairman, Max E. Sanders, and to his capable co-chairmen, Albert H. Cohen, Joseph Anderson and David H. Ullman. All of them did yeomen service. Let us not forget Lester Udell, our President, who starred as the best ad-getter. . . . Congratulations to Director and Mrs. Harry Mirken whose son-in-law, Mac Cohen graduated from New York University Medical School, and whose son Alan graduated from Horace Mann High School and will enter Colby College. . . . Say, Donald Holley can you get us one of the cruises you take to Porto Rica every 12 days? It would be real nice. . . . Congrats to young Jonathan Gell, son of our members Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gell and grandson of the late John Gell, upon his receiving a Scholarship for Harvard College. . . . Our prayerful wishes for a speedy recovery go to our member Samuel Greenwald. . . . We are happy to report that our member Samuel Cohen is now doing nicely. We hope to see him soon in Schule. . . . We hail the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Udell and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenman. . . . Happy birthday greetings to Mrs. Joseph Anderson and to our sweet Debbie Siegel. . . . Lt. Samuel M. Burstein, Chaplains Corps, U.S.A.R., son of Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Burstein, is at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., for his army training course. . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Burstein again served as hosts to students proctored for their college entrance examination board tests. . . . The Executive Board of our Women's League tendered a Testimonial Luncheon to its capable and conscientious President, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein. . . . The Women's League is deeply indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Abe Glaser for their most gracious hospitality on "our Day in the Country" . . . Congratulations to Melvyn Bergman upon his graduation from New York University. . . . Happy that Morty Langer is well again. . . . We sign off now until we meet again please G-d in September—until then we say as they do in Palestine "L'hitra — ot."

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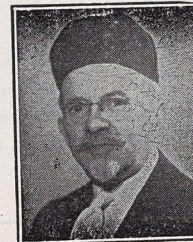
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