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FAITH AND REASON

"The Thirteen Principles of Faith"
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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"I believe with Perfect Faith that to the Creator, Blessed be His Name, and to Him alone, it is not right to pray to any being besides Him".

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G-d (whom we have accepted as the Creator, and Ruler, as the only G-d, as the Eternal G-d, as the Perfect Being without physical form), is now presented as Almighty. He alone can command or direct the forces of Nature at His Will. Therefore, He alone is to be petitioned and worshipped in Prayer. When we communicate our wishes to G-d, we are "eo ipso" reminded to examine our desires, whether they contain anything unholy, unjust or ignoble. Prayer to G-d has therefore the salutary effect of purifying, refining and ennobling our heart.

There have been thinkers whose conception of G-d compelled them to deny Him direct influence on human affairs. Some thought it incompatible with the notion of G-d's Unity and Immutability, that He should be moved by man's prayer, to do something which otherwise He would not have done. Again, others believe that the laws of nature, whether given by G-d or not, are so permanent that they never change under any circumstances. Prayer has therefore been explained to be of a purely subjective character, and to effect only the above-mentioned improvement of man's heart. But could we really pray to G-d to grant us our petition, if we were convinced that He cannot grant us anything, but must allow nature to take its course? Can a prayer offered in such a frame of mind be called a "prayer without lips of deceit"? In opposition to such theories, the daily prayers have here and there, a reminder of the true theory in words like the following המחדש בטובו בכל יום תמיד מעשה בראשית "Who createth anew every day regularly the work of the Creation".

בורא חושך, יוצר אור מחיה המתים
He constantly "formeth light", "createth darkness", "giveth life to the dead", etc; על נסיד שבכל יום עמנו
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Albert H. Cohen

When we enter our beautifully redecorated House of Worship, and realize what a tremendous task this involved, we must remember to be grateful to those who were responsible for the successful completion of this undertaking.

First and foremost comes Albert H. Cohen, who was designated by the Board of Directors as well as by the Building Committee to take charge of the renovations.

Throughout the hot summer days, he was at the Synagogue regularly passing upon all details, of which there were a tremendous number. He has given unstintingly of his time, his energy, his thoughts and his talents. We are deeply grateful to him for the splendid results he has achieved.

It seems most fitting and proper that Albert H. Cohen should have the privilege of beautifying our House of worship. His late father-in-law, Mr. Mayer Mirken, was the driving spirit of the West Side movement of the then Institutional Synagogue, the parent organization of our West Side Institutional Synagogue. We feel certain that he is happy in the thought that his son-in-law is continuing the work which he so nobly began.

We also want to record our thanks to our Director, George L. Livingston, for his legal advice in connection with the contracts. We also want to take this means of expressing our appreciation to Meyer Davis, A. M. Druckman, Maurice Greenstein, Jacob Kaplan, Herman Levine, Moe Oltarsh, Joseph Settel and Jess Ward, members of the Building Committee.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

In Action Again

Reserve Oct. 1st for Succos Tea

A very important meeting of the Executive Board was held this week and interesting plans were made for the coming year.

All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to be the guests of the Women's League at our Succos Tea which will be held Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 1st at 1:30 o'clock. A delightful program is being arranged for the occasion.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

We take pleasure in announcing that the Junior Congregation Services will be conducted for the children of our Talmud Torah and Community on Saturdays and Holidays.

The High Holiday Junior Services will be under the direction of Mr. Laurence Rosan. Tickets are available. There is no charge. The tickets of admission must be presented to the ushers.

The Succah Holidays and Sabbath Services for the coming year will be under the leadership of Mr. Jack Verschleiser of our Talmud Torah Staff.

OUR TALMUD TORAH

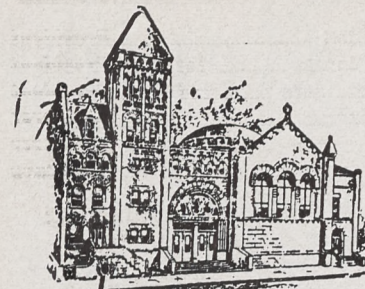
Classes in our Talmud Torah are already in session and new pupils are now being accepted in our kindergarten, elementary, high school, and college classes.

This year it will be our goal not only to teach the regular Talmud Torah subjects but also to put special emphasis on CHARACTER BUILDING.

Parents are particularly urged to register their children without delay, so that they may have the benefit of learning the significance, laws, and customs of the forthcoming holidays. An intimate knowledge of our Jewish Festivals will inspire our youth to observe and enjoy them.

You may enroll your child during the hours of 4 and 6, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 10 to 12 on Sunday.

For further information, kindly call TR 7-8281.



294th COMMANDMENT The Law of the Animal And Its Young By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are permitted to slaughter an animal and its young on one day, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 28, "And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not slaughter it and its young both in one day," for the pain of animals under such circumstances appears to be very great. There is no difference in this case between the pain of man and the pain of other living beings, since the love and tenderness of the mother for her young ones, is not produced by reasoning, but by feeling. This faculty exists not only in man but in most living beings.

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"for His miracles which He performs every day in our behalf". "This idea of G-d's real and active rule in the universe is not only the basis of prayer. It is not only the belief in the truth of the Biblical account of miracles that enables us to pray to our Father, but the conviction that wonders and miracles are constantly wrought by Him. Those who have been dangerously ill, and after having found that, man, with all his science and resources, was incapable of affording relief, gradually recover their former health; plus those who have shared with others a common danger, and while their companions, under exactly the same circumstances, perished, were themselves saved; plus those who, having exhausted every means conceivable to them of obtaining a livelihood, at length find a new path of subsistence opened to them. All these have experienced the Divine help and His nearness in their distress; they have learned to recognize the miraculous power of Providence. But it is not only in such extraordinary events that the finger of G-d is seen. To him who has eyes to see, they appear daily and hourly".

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GOOD NEWS

We usher in the New Year with gladsome news. The most representative group in the world to-day,—the United Nations Commission on Palestine, has recognized that some justice to the Jew should be meted out quickly. They recommended that 150,000 Jews be admitted into the Holy Land, and that Palestine be divided into a Jewish and an Arab State. What should impress us most, is that the humanitarian recommendation on immigration received a unanimous vote. The United Nations must accept this proposal by a two-third vote, before it may be passed on, to the British Cabinet for its acceptance.

As to the political situation, partition is certainly a niggard return for the whole of Palestine and Trans-Jordan. This proposal was intended to appease the Arabs. Of course, appeasement is not the handmaid of justice. It is an umbrella, a temporary protection. This may be what the late Chofetz Chaim might herald as the first "steps of the Messianic Era". May Israel live up to its responsibility to G-d, to the Torah and to the Holy Land.

Although after the flood, we were permitted to slaughter animals for food, yet we are commanded to avoid cruelty, in every way possible.

This commandment stresses the quality of mercy and prevents hard-heartedness, which is an evil characteristic, in man.

In Temple times when sacrifices were brought, the seller of animals would have to indicate that he was selling the mother and her off-spring. However, the buyer does not have to ask this question.

If one sacrificed a mother and two of her off-spring together, he was to receive two sets of stripes.

This law prevails in all places, at all times, refers to males and females and he who sacrifices a mother and her off-spring or the off-spring and its mother in one day is to receive stripes. We speak of the mother and not the father, because the animal off-spring generally clings to the mother and not to the father. However, if we are sure of the father, then of course we may not slaughter the father and his off-spring on the same day.

CONDOLENCE

- We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Blankfort family upon the loss of their father, ISAAC M. BLANKFORT and to the Davis family upon the loss of their sister, LEAH DAVIS to the Greenfield family upon the loss of their mother, ROSE GREENFIELD to Louis Herman and family upon the loss of his wife, GUSSIE HERMAN to the Mayerper family upon the loss of their father, HENRY M. MAYERPER to the Mayerowitz family upon the loss of their father, BERNAT MAYEROWITZ to the Neustadter family upon the loss of their father, MOSES NEUSTADTER to the Padawer family upon the loss of their brother, J. ISRAEL PADAWER to the Redlich family upon the loss of HARRIET S. REDLICH to our Director, Mr. Samuel W. Siegal upon the loss of his mother, IDA SIEGEL and to Joseph Wasserstrom upon the loss of his wife, ROSE WASSERSTROM

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GETTING PERSONAL

Welcome Home to all our Congressants. We are back again, with lots of News for the Getting Personal Column. So, here we go. . . . Congratulations to our director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, whose son Dr. Jesse L. Greenstein, University of Chicago astrophysicist, presented new and startling findings to the Conference of the American Astronomical Society. How proud they are. . . . We extend our two-fold congratulations and best wishes to our Director and Mrs. Gus Rubenstein upon the marriage of their daughter Marilyn to Harold Gershbein and upon the birth of twins to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Lippmann. . . . Long and happy life to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fischel who have gone to Jerusalem to make their permanent home there. . . . The wedding reception of Naomi Anderson and Edgar Mitchel Ross was held at Atlantic Beach, on the lawn of the beautiful home of our Director and Mrs. Joseph Anderson. Our best wishes to the young couple as well as to their parents. . . . Fred and Rita Richman are the proud parents of a daughter, Carol Fran. This makes Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Richman happy grandparents. Mazel-Tov! . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levine became grandparents again when the wife of their son Herbert gave birth to a bouncing boy. Congrats! . . . We were represented in the far West this summer by Mrs. Henry Blankfort, Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders and

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward. . . . Hearty felicitations to Morton Kamerman, son of our worthy members, Mr. and Mrs. David Kamerman, upon his marriage to Sheila Hope Brody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody. . . . Congratulations to Marilyn Lunitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lunitz upon her engagement to Edwin Sonabend. Marilyn is the granddaughter of our beloved Matriarch, Mrs. Regina Margareten. . . . Our best wishes are with our Director and Mrs. Bendheim who flew to the Holy Land and will spend their Holy Days there. They did not forget the Synagogue and sent us a liberal contribution, although they will not be with us on Kol Nidre Night, Nice Co-operation! . . . Danny and Ida Weiss gave a housewarming party upon the dedication of their new home in Hunter. Their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Weiss, beamed with joy. Danny also just celebrated his birthday. . . . We were happy to learn that our good friend, Saul Bergman, has completely recovered from his recent illness. . . . Good luck to Joe and Mel Settel in their new home. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Erich Gallia upon the birth of a daughter, Shirley Joan. . . . Happy Birthday greetings to Harold Levine, Myron Goldman, Samuel Greenman and to our budding generation, Sanford Mark Ward, Bruce David Mann, Joel Jay Goldman, Sue Blima Stein. . . . And Wedding Anniversary memories to Mr. and Mrs. Nat Trotzky, Mr. and Mrs. Max Stokar, and Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Weiss, with heartiest wishes for many, many more. . .

We pray for the speedy recovery of our Vice-President, Max E. Sanders. Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Belsley upon the birth of a daughter, Joan Ellen, and to the proud grandparents, Director and Mrs. Sol Belsley. . . . Help is needed for Rabbi Reichel who is seeking an exchange for his East Side 3 1/2 room apartment on East 72nd Street for something on the West Side closer to the Shule. . . . We were glad to see at our services our young college friend from Missouri, Lynton Wiener, son of our very loyal members Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wiener. . . . We heard that Lawrence Kobrin did an excellent job as Ba'al Koreh at Camp this summer. . . . Delighted to hear that Barnard College has accepted Betty Sanders as a Sophomore. Oberlin's loss is Barnard's gain. . . . We welcome into our midst the following new members: Harry Bloom, Hyman Druker, Eugene Feldman, Charles Fiedler, Edward Fishman, Paul Garfunkel, Mrs. Leah S. Ginsberg, Benjamin Glassman, Allen M. Grdon, Lazar Gurevitch, Abe Hellman, Joshua Jacobs, George Jacoby, Jack Jacoby, Manuel Kitrosser, Jerrold Kurtz, Harry Kutcher, Luser Mieses, Elias Parnes, Howard Reiffel, E. Reutlinger, Ernest Rosenzweig, Chester Roth, Harold Sandler, Mrs. Dora Schlegman, Mrs. J. Siegel, Myron Sokolik, Charles Weinberg, Dr. Leopold Weinstein, Clifford Wolf, Zygryd B. Wolloch. . . . This is United Nations Week. Tomorrow is United Nations Sabbath. We are fastly becoming one world; let us hope ONE HAPPY FAMILY.

ROSH HASHONAH
Monday and Tuesday

Jewish congregations all over the world will usher in the High Holy Days on Sunday evening, September 15, this year.

Rosh Hashonah is the Day of Memorial — **יום זכרון** — when all creatures of the earth are remembered by the Creator and judged according to their merits. And in utter solemnity and penitence we beg of the Supreme Judge and our Protector to grant us the most precious of boons, in the prayer: "Our Father, Our King, let a happy year begin for us."

Festive Spirit

At this season it is customary for Jews to greet each other with the time-honored formula: "Leshana tova tikasayvu — May you be inscribed for a happy year!" and to prepare for the holidays in a Jewish festive spirit of optimism that our prayers will be accepted.

The Shofar

It is a Biblical ordinance to listen to the sounding of the Shofar on Rosh Hashonah.

The Shofar tones are begun with a "tekio" — a call for awakening and hope; followed by the broken tones of "shevarim" and "teruah," which are likened to stifled sobs, remorse for the past failings; and conclude with the "tekio" call for renewed active life in G-d's spirit.

Moses Maimonides has recorded, or all time, the message of the Shofar, for all human beings:

"Awake, ye slumberers, from your sleep, examine your deeds, and humbly return to G-d, the source of justice and truth. All ye who are absorbed in foolishness and forget yourselves, ye who pass your days in emptiness, remember your Creator, look into your souls, and amend your ways. Forsake your impure thoughts and your wicked deeds, and follow kindness and righteousness."

BAR MITZVAH



Victor Silver

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silver upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Victor, which will be held this Shabbus in our Synagogue.

At Home

In addition to the lighting of the candles and the recitation of the Kiddush, the "hamotzee" is dipped into honey and is accompanied with the fervent prayer: "May it be G-d's will to grant us a good and sweet year". This is likewise done with a piece of apple. It is customary to make the agurries of a good year with carrots, fish, and heads of animals. On the second night of Rosh Hashonah it is customary to have a new fruit which is eaten for the first time that season, or to don new apparel so that the blessing of "sheheyanu" might be included in the kiddush.

Tashlich

In the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashonah (except if it occurs on the Sabbath, when it is postponed to Sunday), one should go to the banks of a stream or river and recite the appropriate prayers. This ceremony is called "Tashlich". It is a reminder for us to take to heart the casting away of our sins, and to scrutinize our ways, so that we may be purified by repentance, with the help of G-d.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

- Light Candles Friday Evening 6:49
- Weekly Portion: Nezaivim
- Friday Evening Service 6:30
- Saturday Morning Service 9:00
- Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 6:10
- Mincha Service 7:10
- The Sabbath Terminates 7:39**
- Sunday Morning Z'Chohr Bris
- Selichos 5:30
- Z'Chohr Bris Selichos 7:15
- Sunday Morning Services about 6:35 and 8:20

Rosh Hashonah Prayer Schedule

- Light Candles Sunday Evening 6:47
- Sunday Evening Service 6:00
- Monday Morning Service 7:45
- Monday Mincha 4:30, 5:00
- (followed by Tashlich and Reading of Psalms)
- Monday evening 6:15
- Tuesday morning 7:45
- Tuesday Evening Mincha 7:00
- Wednesday morning Fast of Gedaliah Selichos 6:20 and 8:10
- Wednesday Morning Services 6:45, 7:30, and 8:30
- Wednesday Mincha Services 6:50
- Thursday and Friday Mornings — Selichos 6:25 and 8:10
- Thursday Evening Service 7:00
- Thursday and Friday Morning Services 6:45, 7:30, 8:30

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