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A DISSENTING OPINION

By Dr. Magnes

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II

Compassionate Immigration

Both majority and minority reports favor increased Jewish immigration. That is the great step in advance. Whatever be the fate of UNSCOP's proposals, the Jewish refugees must not be left in the lurch. There should under all circumstances be a large compassionate immigration to Palestine and elsewhere.

But even a Jewish majority in the Jewish state does not dispose of the "Arab problem" there. Doubtless one of the first things we shall be hearing of is the "Arab underground" there; then of repressive measures against it; then of the answer from the Arab side of the border. Thus the war of the irridentas will have begun even before the independence of the two states has been proclaimed.

It is largely the Jewish terror groups which have made the people of Britain weary of their task in Palestine. Having secured the partition proposals through terror, they are now prepared to secure the rest of the country for the Jews in the same way. If the Jewish state opposes them, that creates an additional front.

That brings me to the minority report. This report seems to me to have many weaknesses, particularly in its practical proposals, which do not always accord with its principles.

But the Minority report has the outstanding virtue of believing that Jews and Arabs can cooperate and of proposing that they build up a common citizenship in their common country.

Changes Suggested

For this reason I would urge that the Minority report be taken as the basis of discussion, and that changes be made in it somewhat along the following lines:

1. These boundaries constitute a form of partition, despite the federal nature of the state as a whole.

2. Instead of these almost sovereign boundaries, the unitary Palestine should be divided into counties, not necessarily contiguous, for purposes of local administration and no more.

3. The two peoples, Arabs and

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SHMINI ATZERES APPEAL



A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM AMERICA

At the Shmini Atzeres Services in our Synagogue, an appeal was made on behalf of our distressed brethren in Europe and for refugees and orphaned children who have recently entered the Holy Land. The appeal was accordingly for the Vaad Hatzala, the Refugee-Immigration Division of the Agudath Israel Youth Council, and the American Religious Palestine Fund.

The orphaned Jewish refugee children in Budapest, in the picture above, hold precious packages of kosher food, which are a part of the two million pounds of kosher food shipped since V-E Day by the Refugee-Immigration Division of the Agudath Israel Youth Council of America.

The American Religious Palestine
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SUNDAY KINDERGARTEN

We are now registering youngsters from 4 to 6 years of age in our Sunday morning Kindergarten Department.

Classes will begin the coming Sunday, Oct. 19th, from 10 A.M. to noon. Miss Peikes will again conduct the groups this year.

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

Kindly register me for:
Monday evening

- ☐ Elementary Hebrew7:45-8:40
☐ Intermediate and
Advanced Hebrew 7:45-8:40
☐ Philosophy of Judaism8:40
Rabbi Goldstein

Tuesday evening

- ☐ Prophets8:00-9:00
Dr. Sidney Hoenig
Modern Jewish
☐ History9:00-10:00
Dr. Sidney Hoenig
☐ Customs and
Ceremonies8:00-9:00

Name

Address

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

A very important meeting of our Women's League, preceded by a session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class, will be held on Monday afternoon, October 20th at 2 o'clock sharp at our building.

All the women of the congregation are invited to attend.

A social hour will follow the meeting.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

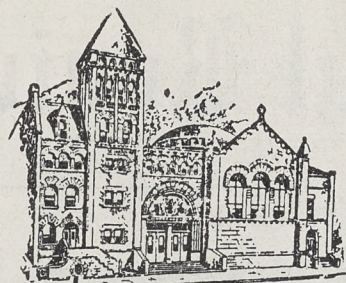
The Luncheon Committee is actively engaged in planning an unusually attractive program for the afternoon of December 9th, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. We suggest you make your reservations at once by

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or

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A VERY INTERESTING AND HEARTENING LETTER

We print herewith an extract from a letter received by one of our congregants, from her daughter who is attending an out-of-town college.

"When I spoke to you on the 'phone, I told you that I went to Temple on Tuesday. I also told you that they played Kol Nidre on the cello which I considered sacrilegious. It's strange I never thought that my annual visits to you and Daddy at our Synagogue could impress me so, and mean so much to me. However, Mommy, through that whole service I was literally heartbroken to see such a beautiful service ruined. It was like going to church. It was the only time that I've been homesick here to the point of tears. I was dying to be with you and Daddy to hear the services at W.S.I.S. Love to you and Dad.
Enid.

PIANO NEEDED

We can use a second-hand piano in our Institution. If you can be of help, kindly contact our office—TR 7-8281.



298th COMMANDMENT

Not To Do Any Servile Work
the First Day of a Festival
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I

We are not to do any work on the first day of the Passover Festival which is the 15th day of Nissan as it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 23, Verse 7, "And in the day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work". We have already been commanded in Exodus, Chapter 12, Verse 16, concerning the Passover holiday. "No manner of work shall be done and in the first day there shall be unto you a holy convocation; in the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation. No manner of work shall there be done save that which every man must eat, that only may be done by you." However, in our commandment we do not say

כל מלאכה

"no manner of work shall be done" but כל מלאכה עבודה
"no manner of SERVILE work".

A DISSENTING OPINION

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Jews, should be declared to have political parity irrespective of who is the majority or the minority. This seems to be implied through the provision in the Minority report of an upper legislative chamber constituted "on the basis of equal representation of the Arab and Jewish citizens of Palestine; and by the provision that "legislation shall be enacted when approved by majority votes in both chambers of the federal legislative body."

4. That the Federal Court of Appeals on constitutional matters be composed of an equal number of Jews and Arabs and not of an Arab majority. This court is of decisive importance, as a reading of its proposed functions will show. If necessary, the chairman might be an appointee of the United Nations in some such way as is proposed for the International Commission on Absorptive Capacity.

5. That Jewish immigration be permitted in all parts of Palestine up to parity with the Arabs. This seems

which means that baking and cooking are permitted, and are not regarded as servile work. In regard to the Sabbath and the Day of Atonement we read in Verse 3, "Ye shall do NO manner of work on the Sabbath". Whilst we permit cooking, and baking on Yom Tov, it is only permitted in regard to such matters that cannot be taken care of properly on Erev Yom Tov. For that reason we permit the grinding of spices on Yom Tov because if they were ground on Erev Yom Tov, their pungency would be lost. Anything that can be done on Erev Yom Tov should not be left for preparation on Yom Tov.

Only those things of which we are sure, may we engage in on the Holiday. For that reason, we are not permitted to fish on Yom Tov, although we are attempting to get food, but we are not sure of catching it. We are forbidden to extinguish any light or fire on Yom Tov, however roasting, (although it extinguishes the fire) is permitted because it is not done for the sake of extinguishing the light on the coals. Anything which is permitted in connection with cooking or baking or drinking is permitted otherwise, as for instance, carrying. This matter of carrying refers to all and not just to some people. Heating incense is not a matter that concerns all people generally, therefore it is not permitted to be heated on Yom Tov.

to be implied when the Minority report excludes the possibility that the Jews "by means of free mass immigration would become the majority population in Palestine."

Do not dismember the country. Do not estrange Jews and Arabs from one another. Lay down a generous binational policy and make Jewish-Arab cooperation the chief objective of this policy. Give the two peoples the chance they have never had of self-government together, and through systematic work day by day, year by year, their response will be increasingly joyous and constructive.

Judah L. Magnes

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Zadok Kapner upon the loss of his mother

MRS. DORA KAPNER

and to our Director Joseph Schapiro upon the recent loss of his mother,

MRS. ESTHER SCHAPIRO

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Fund helps maintain in a religious environment the ever growing numbers of refugee children and cares for the physical and spiritual rehabilitation of the uprooted Jews who have found refuge in the Holy Land.

The Vaad Hatzala is engaged in an extraordinary program for the spiritual and material rehabilitation of our brethren in Europe. Our worshippers responded liberally. Those who were not present may also send in their contributions through the synagogue. We have already received contributions from:

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Benj. Axel, Wm. Ball, Mrs. R. Barowsky, M. J. Berlin, Lazare Blum, Herman H. Cohen, Mrs. R. Dack, Mortimer Epstein, Max Frank, A. Friedberg, Myron Friedlander, Geo. Gold, Marcus Grossman, Naomi Goldstein, Max Harris, Mrs. Louis Herbst, Leopold Hirsh, Max M. Horowitz, Clarence Horwitz, Herman Kaminsky, Irving W. Karpf, Morris Katz, Leona Kessler, Irving Kobrin, A. Kronfeld, Morris Levinson, P. Lowy, Leo Maltin, Mrs. Regina Margareten,

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:54
Weekly Portion: Noah

Friday Evening Service 5:00
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:10
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:10
Mincha Service 5:10
Reader of Torah—Jack Verschleiser
Reader of Service—Herbert Perlman
Speaker—Morty Cohen
The Sabbath Terminates 5:42
Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 5:05

Mrs. Rose A. Margulies, Adolph Meirowitz, C. Michalson, Harry Miller, M. L. Pargament, Sol Redlich, Mr. & Mrs. Chester H. Roth, Mr. & Mrs. Gustave Roth, W. R. Rubinfeld, Mrs. E. Sagalowitz, Joseph Schell, Sigmund Schee, J. Schreiber, Joseph Schwartz, Joseph Settel, Benj. Shapiro, Irving Shapiro, Morris G. Shapiro, Mrs. B. Silberman, Annie Spiro, Harry Ward, Harold Wohl, Philip Wohl.

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This Friday evening at 8:00 P.M. we will have the second session of our newly formed Senior-Intermediate Youth Group. Mr. Erich Freudenstein will lead in discussion and interpretation of the Book of Psalms.

All young men and women between the ages of 16-20 are urged to attend. Refreshments follow the meeting.

SOCIAL . . . LIGHTS

Bugle calls. . . Dr. Frank E. Fink met with our Boy Scout officers October 7th . . . planning program for season. Boy Scouts will meet every Tuesday night at 7:30 in our Social Hall. . . Our Senior Basket Ball Team are off to a playing start. Team meets Wednesday nights at 7:30 at P.S. No. 87, Amsterdam Ave. and 77th Street, under the direction of Messrs. Ned Kirsh and Ray Yavneh. A few positions are still open. . . The Blue N' Whites unfurling their colors. Meetings Sunday evenings at 8:15. Young people, how about joining their colors? Young Folks between 20 and 25 years of age are forming clubs. We extend invitation to their peers. . . You are missing a lot if you haven't as yet joined one of our clubs. . . See Mr. Weiss any weekday night between 8 and 10..

GETTING PERSONAL

The "Event of the Week", was the sumptuous Seuda Shlishith held in the Synagogue last Shabbos afternoon, at which the Chasanim for Simchas Torah, Philip Wohl, Samuel K. Beier, and Lester Udell, were the hosts. This traditional affair will long be remembered by all who attended. Among the speakers, were our beloved Rabbi Goldstein, who was toastmaster, Rabbis Reichel and Horowitz, the three Chasanim, Mrs. Samuel K. Beier, Joseph Buchsbaum, Morty Cohen, Meyer Davis, Morris Jablow, Harold Kaplan, Israel Kestenbaum, Alexander Kirsch, Irving Kobrin, Gustave Roth, Edgar Shraub, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Jack Verschleiser, Ben Weiner, Mrs. Philip Wohl. Cantors Yavneh and Lauer led in the singing and Mr. Max Moskowitz led in the saying of grace. . . . Wedding anniversary greetings to our Director and Mrs. Julius Bayer. . . . Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Samson Goldstein (nee Sedwitz), upon the birth of a son, Morris Jacob, grandson of the late Director and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz. . . We're glad to see the young Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman sticking to the W.S.I.S. and coming to our services. . . . And it was nice having Shirley Shapiro Feuerstein of Boston with us last Saturday. . . The New York Medical College is to be congratulated on inaugurating a five day week for its students — we hope that the other colleges may follow suit. . . Many, many more happy birthdays to Allen Fox, Jane Leslie Greenfield, Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Denise Merkin, and Lois Jane Ullman. . . . We want to take this means of expressing our appreciation to the following women who were good enough to make contributions to our Succah Fund: Mesdames J. Bayer, B. Bergman, M. Bergman, H. Davis, A. Dworkin, K. Eisenberg, A. Fox, W. Freeman, H. S. Goldstein, R. Green, A. Gross, E. Hirsch, M. Horowitz, M. Jablow, I. Kobrin, B. Koch, M. Levine, M. Pargament, M. Segerman, J. Shapiro, S. W. Siegel, J. H. Silverstein, L. Stein, L. Udell, A. Verschleiser, H. Ward, B. Weiner, P. Wohl and the Boston Bedding Company. . . . Many thanks are also due to Dr. Emanuel Stern for donating the use of his truck in assisting the Succah Committee accomplish their wonderful work. . . . Congratulations to Abraham Mishler who was married to Miss Grace Weiss in our Synagogue . . . and best wishes to our friend Harold Gross upon his forthcoming marriage to Miss Beatrice Weissman. . . Good luck to you all

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