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FAITH AND REASON

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

"I firmly believe that the Prophecy of Moses, our teacher, peace be unto him, was true, and that he was the Chief of the prophets, both of those that preceded, and of those that followed him". THERE HATH NEVER YET ARISEN IN ISRAEL A PROPHET LIKE UNTO MOSES.

This too is a cardinal principle upon which our religion rests. Thus the Eternal character of Judaism is assured. Otherwise if a greater prophet than Moses can arise, he can and may abrogate and nullify the Torah. Therefore, the Torah in its concluding verses in the Pentateuch, Deuteronomy, Chapter 34, verses 10-12 tells us that there never was or will be a greater prophet than Moses.

Maimonides in "The Guide for the Perplexed" (chap. xxxv), and in the Mishneh Torah Hilchos Yesode ha-Torah, Chapter 7, section 6 and in his commentary on פרק הלק of the Talmud Sanhedrin (where he explains the 13 Principles of the Faith,) fully describes the difference between Moses and other prophets. He enumerates four points:—

(1) Moses spoke without any intermediary, (2) Moses received his prophecy during the daytime, directly, and not in a vision, in a trance, in a dream, or in a state of suspended animation, like other prophets, (3) Moses spoke to G-d "as one speaks to a friend" without any special exertion, while the other prophets were exhausted after receiving divine messages as Daniel said, "And there remained no strength in me" after Gabriel had spoken to him, (4) The other prophets had to wait for their prophecies to come to them, as we read in regard to Elisha. Moses, however, could go to seek prophetic vision whenever he required it, as we read in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 9, verse 8, "And Moses said unto them, wait ye, and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning thee".

There is, further, this distinction between the words of Moses and the words of other prophets:—whilst other prophets chiefly addressed their own generation, blaming their brethren for disobedience to the Divine Law, threatening with punishments and comforting with blessings

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SYNAGOGUE ENGAGES METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21, 1947



Mr. Joseph Sattel

Mr. Joseph Sattel, the chairman of the Opera Committee, is happy to announce that we have succeeded in engaging the Metropolitan Opera House for Sunday evening, December 21, 1947.

On that evening, renowned singers of the Metropolitan Opera House will present the COMPLETE amusing Opera, "Il Barbiere Di Siviglia" (Barber of Seville).

The management of the Metropolitan Opera House has promised Mr. Sattel to produce an outstanding performance for the members and friends of the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

Tickets are priced the same as last year, ranging from \$2.50 to \$20.00 each. Boxes containing eight (8) seats are priced at \$100.00. Those who want choice seats are requested to make reservations as soon as possible.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Fridays

Friday Evening Youth Group, young men and women, ages 16 to 20 meet at 8:00 P.M. for discussion of Book of Psalms. Refreshments served.

Saturdays

Junior Congregation meets at 10:00 A.M.

The W.S.I.S. Boys Club meets at 8:00 P.M.

Sundays

Ping-Pong and Game Room open from 2 to 4 P.M. and from 8 to 10 P.M.

White N' Blue, young people of 16 to 19 at 8:00 P.M.

New Young Folks League, young men and women of 20 to 26 also at 8:00 P.M.

Tuesdays

Scouts meet weekly at 7:30 P.M.

GIRLS GROUPS

Our new young Rebbetzin, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, better known to most of us as "Josephine," is to lead two groups of girls, Saturday afternoons at 3:30 at our building. One group is for girls between the ages of 8 and 10, and the other between the ages of 11 and 13.

The program will include singing, dancing, story-telling and a general good time in accordance with the Sabbath spirit. When the weather permits, the children will be taken to the Park, occasionally.

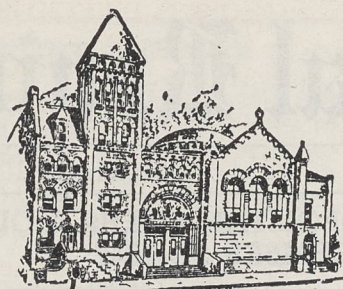
Mrs. Reichel is to be assisted by Dolly Weiland.

If you have a daughter of the age level of these groups, please phone the Synagogue, TR 7-8281, leaving her name and address, and she will receive a personal invitation.

We are happy to record the names of ADDITIONAL DONORS to our SHEMINI ATZERES APPEAL:

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FOOD AND POLITICS

Let us stop making the world's food problem a political football. We may not isolate ourselves in our plenty, whilst the rest of the world is facing famine. It is a sad commentary upon the American people when political leaders attempt to play up to their lowest instincts. Let us stop haggling. Let us rather quickly provide the means by which Europe may be assured of food and heat for the winter. None of us have the right to glow in warmth during the cold winter, when through our neglect other human beings are freezing. None of us have the right to be seated with any kind of food when millions of men, women, and children have very little to eat. G-d save us from the day when our spiritual attitude and physical appetites will halt us from doing our full duty to the hungry and the ill-clad. This is tantamount to the philosophy of the people of Sodom. They were wont to say to the outside poor, "what is yours is yours, and what is mine is mine."



298th COMMANDMENT

Not To Do Any Servile Work
the First Day of a Festival

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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While we may cook and bake on Yom Tov, we may not however prepare the things necessary for same, as for instance, we may not make a knife or any implement for baking, for it is written in Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 16, "No manner of work shall be done in them save that which every man must eat" . . . THAT ONLY (meaning the food) may be prepared by you. This constitutes the main difference between Sabbath and Festival. So also we may not cook or bake on Yom Tov, for animals, for it is written לָכֵן "for you."

The purpose of this Command-

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ings, Moses addresses all times and generations,, communicating to them laws "for all generations", "everlasting statutes", "the things which have been revealed for us and our children forever". He is therefore proclaimed by the Almighty as the greatest prophet. When Miriam and Aaron had spoken against Moses, G-d rebuked them saying, "If there be among you a prophet of the L—d, I will make myself known unto him in a vision; I will speak to him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so; he is faithful in all My house; with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and the L—d shall he behold". (Numbers Chapter 12, verse 8). The Torah concludes with the praise of Moses, as follows:—"And there hath not arisen a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the L—d knew face to face: in all the signs and the wonders, which the L—d sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land; and in all the mighty hand, and in all the great terror, which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel". (Deuteronomy, Chapter 34, verses 10-12.)

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ment is that the Israelites should remind themselves of the great miracles, the Holy One, Blessed be He, performed for them in connection with the Festivals. They shall speak of them and make them known to their children and grandchildren. They should praise G-d and should show their gratitude to Him for His intervention. Passover represents the miraculous liberation, Pentecost represents the miraculous revelation and Tabernacles represents the miraculous protection. Since we are free from our daily labors, on the Festivals, we have the time to busy ourselves in thinking about the spiritual values of the Festivals and to discuss them. If one were permitted to do the slightest work, he would find something to do in his business. Then the proper observance of the Festival would be neglected and eventually forgotten both by children and adults. Furthermore there is the great value in the gatherings of the people in the Synagogue and Beth Hamidrash, on the Festivals. They listen to preachments and participate in Holy Study.

These laws prevail at all times and at all places. They refer to male and female. One who trespasses any of them is subject to the punishment of "stripes."

The expressions "knew G-d face to face", or "I will speak with him mouth to mouth", and the like, denote figuratively "the clearest, most direct, and simplest communication. Henry George has given a marvelous appraisal of the priority of Moses as follows:—"To lead into freedom a people long crushed by tyranny; to discipline and order such a mighty host; to harden them into fighting men, before whom warlike tribes quailed and walled cities went down; to repress discontent and jealousy and mutiny, require some towering character. From the depths of the Unseen such characters must draw their strength; from fountains that flow only to the pure in heart must come their wisdom. Of something more real than matter; of something higher than the stars; of a light that will endure when suns are dead and dark; of a purpose of which the physical universe is but a passing phase, such lives tell".

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of our late member,

Jacques Fertel

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 9TH



Mrs. Walter Freeman, Chairman

Our very capable and conscientious Mrs. Walter Freeman has assumed the chairmanship of the 1947 Women's League Luncheon.

We trust that our loyal members and friends will lend her their usual whole-hearted co-operation, so that our forthcoming Luncheon may prove to be the success we all hope for.

The program of the afternoon will be an unusually delightful one and a treat is in store for all who attend.

Subscription is \$15 per person.

Won't you make your reservations at once by mailing your check of \$15, made out to Women's League — W.S.I.S., to Mrs. Al Braff, Luncheon Treasurer, 120 West 76th St?

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:44
Weekly Portion: Lech I'Chaw
Friday Evening Service 4:50
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:45
Mincha Service 4:45
Reader of Torah: Lawrence Rosan
Reader of Service: Harvey Shapiro
The Sabbath terminates 5:32
Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 4:45

Followed by the Explanation
of the Shulchan Aruch
by Rabbi Goldstein

The SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM meets at P. S. No. 87 Gym, Amsterdam Ave. and 77th Street, at 7:30 P.M., on Wednesdays. Bring Sneakers.

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MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club of the W.S.I.S. will take place on Monday night, October 27, at 8:30. You are cordially invited to bring your friends. Refreshments will be served.

BAR MITZVAH



Robert N. Bernstein

Congratulations to Mr. Alfred J. Bernstein upon the Bar Mitzvah of his son, Robert, which will take place at our Synagogue on Saturday.



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GETTING PERSONAL

A hearty Mazel Tov to our Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz upon the birth of a new grandson and to the proud parents Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moskowitz... We missed the Kobrin family at our services last Shabbos... as well as Harold Levine... We have just heard from our Charley Cohen, who is in Dallas, Texas. We wish him a successful trip... The same goes to Hank Epstein, Buddy and Harold Udell, who called from Toledo, after spending a pleasant Shabbos... Congratulations to the happy couples who were married in our synagogue: Anita Plachte and Samuel S. Kunowitz, and Katheline Eisner and Leo S. Kleinberg. Brocho V'hatzlocho to you all... Wedding Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Feinstein, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Lunitz, and to our "young" friends Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth... May we celebrate with you many more... We join in wishing a Happy Birthday to Judith Bernstein, Abraham Eisenman, Roy Hines, Mrs. Jack Levine, Arlene Padawer and Samuel W. Siegel... Best wishes for complete good health to Morris Jablow... So happy to see Mrs. Harold Kaplan back in shul, and completely recovered from her recent illness... Our best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein upon the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn, to Robert Saltzman... We take pride in welcoming our ever growing roster of friends and members: Arthur Arsham, Alexander Basalkin, Sol Brandes, Daniel Brod, Charles Cohen, Norman Cohen, Daniel C. Davis, Ralph Diamond, Miss Diane Fishman, Jacob Fruchter, I. Goldstein, Mrs. Jack Goodman, Morris Goodman, Samson Gordon, Henry J. Haas, Leona Kessler, Philip Nager, Harry Rich, Max Rosenblum, Stanley Samuels, Ira J. Shapiro, Leon Shapiro, D. Siegler, Nathan Stern, Herman Tauber, Josephine Weiler, Moritz Werblowsky, M. Wexler, Abraham Wiznitzer, Abraham Wohl, Harold Wohl.

DR. SIDNEY HOENIG BEGINS LECTURES THIS WEEK

We are happy to announce that classes in our Laymen's Institute will begin during the coming week.

Courses Offered in Laymen's Institute

Monday evening:

Hebrew 7:45 - 8:40

Tuesday evening:

The Prophets 8:00 - 9:00

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Wednesday evening:

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