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FAITH AND REASON

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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I believe with perfect faith that the whole Law, now in our possession, is the same that was given to Moses our teacher, peace be unto him.

The Torah is not the work or the imagination of Moses, as we read in Numbers Chapter 16, Verse 28, "And Moses said: "Through this shall ye know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these deeds; that I have not done them out of my own heart."

There is a tradition recorded in the Talmud that after the Babylonian exile Ezra, the Scribe, replaced the ancient Hebrew characters in which the Torah had originally been written by the square characters still in use. Nothing, however, was omitted from or added to the contents of the Torah, when the present forms of the letters were introduced.

The integrity and authenticity of the Pentateuch has been subjected to all kinds of tests by critics of every age.

The text of the Pentateuch was never altered, even where the reading had been changed in some cases, the Massoretic notes show the way how to read the word, whilst the text was retained in its original form. This is the cause of the Keri and Kethib, "How the word is read" and "How it is written."

The existence of the Pentateuch at the time when the other Biblical books were written is clear from the frequent references to the history and the laws contained in it. To substantiate all this I have but to refer to: "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law which Moses, my servant, commanded thee," etc. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth," etc. (Jos. 1, 7, 8), "As Moses, the servant of the Lord, commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the Law of Moses," etc. "And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the Law of Moses which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the Law, the blessing and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the Law" (Joshua VIII, 31, 32, 34), "Keep the charge

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Both by Dr. Hoenig

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May we have the pleasure to see you with us at least one evening during the coming week.

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the W.S.I.S. Men's Club will be held on Monday evening, November 3, at 8:30 o'clock in the Men's Club Room. . . Second nomination of officers will be on the agenda.

Refreshments will be served.

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We have just been informed by the management of the Metropolitan Opera House that the cast assigned for our Benefit Performance of the opera "Barber of Seville" on the evening of Sunday, December 21st, 1947, will include the following outstanding artists:

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Tickets are priced from \$2.50 to \$20.00 each. Boxes containing eight (8) seats are \$100.00 per Box.

We urge all our friends to make reservations promptly, so as to secure choice seats. Orders will be filled in the order in which they are received.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Waldorf Astoria Hotel
Tuesday, December 9th

The Women's League Luncheon Committee is happy to announce that it has succeeded in securing that internationally famous dance couple — Katya Delakova and Fred Berk, together with a narrator as the highlights of the Luncheon Program.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 9th, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, these outstanding artists will present to the guests, through the medium of dance, scenes from Palestine, our land, vibrant with health and motion; and figures from the Book of Books. Those who have witnessed this performance say that it is unique, captivating and enchanting.

If you have not already done so, we suggest that you make your reservation for the Luncheon at once, by mailing your check for \$15, made out to the Women's League — W. S. I. S., 120 West 76th St., care of Mrs. Walter Freeman, Luncheon Chairman.



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We quote a recent editorial from the "Jersey Journal", Jersey City . . .

YESHIVA GREAT CREDIT TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

The dedication of the new Yeshiva building offers a special occasion to commend the Jewish people of Hudson for their achievement in creating the school and to congratulate them in the fine establishment they have set up in Union City.

It is reassuring to know that in this time of global strife and turmoil there are people deeply concerned in giving their children a basic religious, secular and cultural education.

The interplay of the various cultures of the people of the United States is a weighty factor in the greatness and world leadership of this nation. Any intensification of religious and moral training for our youth is a distinct gain for the American way of life.

It is in that direction that the Jewish people are making a great contribution, through Yeshiva.



299th COMMANDMENT

To Bring the Musaf Offering During The Whole Passover Festival

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to bring the Musaf or the "Additional" offering to the daily offering during the whole of Passover for it is written in Leviticus, 23, Verse 8, "And ye shall bring an offering seven days." The reason for the "additional" offerings on the holiday was to make further impressions upon the individual. Man needs something tangible like symbols or ceremonies to elevate and inspire him to higher action.

Failure to bring the daily offering did not preclude the bringing of the Musaf offering and vice-versa.

If the priests trespassed the law and did not bring the Musaf or the

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of the Lord thy G-d, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses," etc. (I Kings II, 3). "But the children of the murderers he slew no: according unto that which is written in the book of the Law of Moses," etc. (2 Kings XIV, 6), "Keep the Passover unto the Lord your G-d, as it is written in the book of the covenant" (2 Kings XXIII, 21). "Remember the law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb. (Mal, III, 16).

The authors of the other books of the Bible show familiarity with the words, the phrases, and the contents of the Pentateuch. Thus Psalm civ. is based on the first chapter of Genesis; the flood is mentioned in Ps. XXIX and in the prophecies of Isaiah (liv. 9); the history of the Patriarchs and of the Israelites in Egypt and in the wilderness in Psalms CVI, LxxVIII; the history of Jacob is alluded to in Hosea XII; the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in Isa. i.9, Amos IV.11.

Of the laws contained or mentioned in the Pentateuch many are mentioned or alluded to in the books

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"additional" offering at its proper time, they broke a positive command, because upon the priests were the obligations to be scrupulous about the offerings. However, if an Israelite saw that the priests were sinning or breaking the law and was quiet about them, he sinned. We are all responsible for one another. The Israelite should have protested and have demanded that other "Priests" be appointed for the service.

300th COMMANDMENT

To Rest on the Seventh Day of Passover

We are commanded to rest on the seventh day of Passover, for it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 23, Verse 8, "On the seventh day is a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work." If one is taken up with work or personal affairs, he has no time for spiritual thinking and living. The seventh day is merely the concluding day of the Holiday, therefore no

שהחיינו is pronounced on that day. This is not so, in regard to the eighth day of Succos which is Shemini Atzeres. Shemini Atzeres is a separate holiday by itself. Therefore שהחיינו is pronounced thereon.

of the Prophets and the Hagiographa; the feast of Passover (Jos. IV.), Tabernacles (Zech. XIV. 16-20, Ezra III. 4, Neh. VII. 14-18); the first day of the seventh month (New Year) is mentioned as a "holy day" (Neh. VII. 10). The dietary laws are referred to by Isaiah (LXVI. 17); the laws of cleanness and uncleanness form the text of a prophecy of Haggai (II. 10 sqq.).

Far from finding in the other books of the Bible any evidence — whether positive or negative — of the later origin of the Pentateuch, we feel convinced that their contents presuppose not only the existence of the Pentateuch, but also the authors' familiarity with it. Without the Pentateuch the other books are unintelligible. There is nothing in the Pentateuch that betrays a post-Mosaic origin. If the Pentateuch had been written in the period of the Kings, the author would have mentioned Jerusalem as the appointed place for the Sanctuary; in the rebukes (תוכחה), in addition to idolatry, the social corruption pointed out by the prophets would have been mentioned; the restrictive law concerning the marriage to the first generation that entered Palestine.

OUR Talmud Torah

We are happy to announce that on our Talmud Torah staff this year we have the following teachers:

Rabbi Aaron Baer has a B.A. degree from Yeshiva College and received his smicha from Yeshiva. At present he is working toward his Doctorate in Hebrew Literature at the Bernard Revel School.

Jacob Breuer is a graduate of Wurzburg Teachers College and has a B.S. in Education from C.C.N.Y. He is also principal at the Yeshiva Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch.

Ella Shurin has a B.A. degree from Brooklyn College, and is studying for an M.A. in Semitics at Columbia University.

Jack Verschleiser, one of the first graduates of the W.S.I.S. Talmud Torah, attended the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva. He is now at C.C.-N.Y.

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Friday Evening Service4:45
Friday Evening Youth Study Cir-
cle in Book of Psalms8:00
Saturday Morning Service9:00
Junior Congregation10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:40
Isaac Allen's Talmud Class by
Rabbi Reichel3:40
Mincha Service4:40
Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz
Reader of Service: Jack Verschleiser
Speaker: Morton Cohen
The Sabbath Terminates5:23
Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha4:45

FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock we conduct a Junior Congregation, where our youngsters participate actively in the services.

On Saturday afternoons, at 3:30 o'clock, we have Oneg Sabbath groups for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 12. Your children are cordially invited.

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By Morris Jablow

You, our readers, are acquainted with our annual custom of engaging the entire Metropolitan Opera House for a Benefit Performance, as a means of raising funds for our budgetary needs.

This year, a special presentation of the "Barber of Seville" on December 21st, 1947, will be the attraction.

Tickets are priced within reach of every purse,—from \$2.50 to \$20.00 each. Boxes containing eight seats are priced at \$100.00 per box.

It is my fondest hope that each and every one of you, our readers, will find it possible to attend this Benefit Performance, and thus demonstrate your interest, loyalty and devotion to our cause. It is a grand way to enjoy an evening of inspiring music and at the same time contribute to the needs of our beloved W.S.I.S.

Please send in your reservations as soon as possible. If you cannot attend in person, buy a pair of tickets and dispose of them to some of your friends. The important thing is that each of you participate in this project, so as to insure its success.



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