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This Sabbath Morning
RABBI GOLDSTEIN
preaches
— on —
"THANKSGIVING"

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF RABBI,
DR. ISAAC HERZOG

to the

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE III

There are enemies of our people who affect a pseudo-spiritual concern for its religious future, and go about saying that all the Jews need is a so-called "spiritual center," a great religious academy, a university, a central Rabbinical Synod, but no land, no settlements, no towns, no industry, no commonwealth.

I stand here to give the lie to these hypocritical assertions. Spiritual life cannot flourish if it is divorced from reality. A people cannot be creative unless it has roots in the soil. This applies in particular to our case. The Jewish Sabbath, the central pillar of Judaism, is crumbling to pieces in the Diaspora under the weight of present-day economic conditions and the stress of minority existence. The preservation of Judaism in its religious aspect depends in no small measure on the revival of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine. Not only our schools, colleges, and religious academies, but also our villages and settlements, are dear to us. Our religious and national aspirations find their most significant expression in the building of Jewish religious academies alongside agricultural settlements, as in Yavneh, which I believe you visited last week.

It is this interweaving of physical reality with the life of the spirit, this sanctification of human effort, which constitutes our distinctive contribution to the stock of mankind. It was this idea of a Jewish spiritual renaissance based on a national restoration which inspired the many non-Jewish friends and supporters of the Zionist cause from the age of the English Puritans to the days of Byron, Shaftesbury, and George Eliot. It was these inspired Christian Zionists who paved the way for the adoption of the policy of the Balfour Declaration in our own day. Leading

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ALBERT DEUTSCH GUEST SPEAKER AT OPEN MEETING OF MEN'S CLUB ON MONDAY NIGHT

OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE
of
"THE BARBER OF SEVILLE"
will include

Newly Elected Officers
to Be Installed



Patrice Munsel

On Sunday evening, Dec. 21st, 1947, at the Metropolitan Opera House, all our friends will gather to hear an outstanding cast perform this amusing opera of Rossini. If you have not yet secured your tickets, please do so without delay. Prices are from \$2.50 to \$20.00 each.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON — Superb Program — Waldorf Astoria Hotel Tuesday, December 9, 1947

With the characteristic W.S.I.S. spirit of cooperation, the members and friends of our Women's League are steadily lining up behind the very conscientious chairman, Mrs. Walter Freeman, to make our forthcoming Luncheon an outstanding success.

A superb performance has been arranged for this occasion. The internationally known Delakova Dancers, accompanied by a narrator, are planning to give us a presentation which has been heralded with acclaim by the newspapers throughout the country.

An early reservation will ensure a more desirable table. If you have not already made your reservations, we suggest that you do so NOW,



Albert Deutsch

The Men's Club invites our members and friends to attend an open meeting on Monday night, December 1st, at 8:30, when we shall be privileged to hear Albert Deutsch, whose topic will be: "Trends in the Day's News."

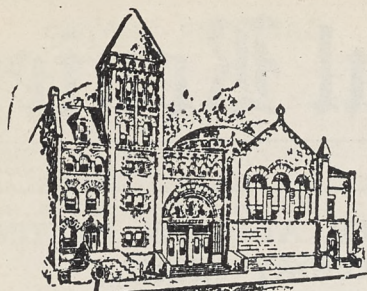
Albert Deutsch, for years a recognized authority among professionals in medical and welfare circles, has emerged today as an influence and a force in our national thinking and acting. His honest, courageous, penetrating reporting has resulted in investigation and reform in many corners once hidden and closed to public appraisal.

We advise you to come early to secure a seat.

Moe Oltarsh Again Heads Men's Club

At the last meeting of the Men's Club the following officers were re-elected: Moe Oltarsh, president; Albert H. Cohen, 1st vice President; Myron Goldman, 2nd vice president; Irving Kobrin, treasurer; Louis Reisman, Recording Sec.; Philip Nage, Financial Sec.; Alex Kirsh, S'gt.-at-arms. Installation of officers will be followed by refreshments.

by mailing your check of \$15.00, made out to the Women's League of W.S.I.S., c/o Mrs. Al Braff, Treasurer, 120 W. 76th St.



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YOUR BOOKSHELF

In 1925, when Jewish Book Week was inaugurated, the following slogans were employed, "A Jewish Bookshelf in Every Jewish Home," and "Have You Jewish Books in Your Home"?

At no time more than today has it been necessary for a Jew to be well informed in the traditions, ideals, history and literature of his people.

Never before have so many varied periodicals and books about Jews and Judaism been made available in popular form for young and old. Yet, in the midst of such "plenty", many of our brethren are well nigh starved.

We may all take to heart the words of Maimonides: "Every man of Israel is obliged to study the Torah, be he rich or poor . . . And thus must he do until the day of his death."

It is in this spirit that we plan, from time to time, to recommend to our readers Jewish classics and "light" reading which deserve to find a place in every Jewish home and heart.

—O.A.R.



"AS
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SEES
IT"

303rd COMMANDMENT

Not to Eat of the New Produce
Until the Omer is Brought
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are not to eat of the new grain before the end of the 16th day of Nissan. For it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 23, Verse 14, "And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor fresh ears . . . until this selfsame day, until ye have brought the offering of your G-d; it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings."

Now we speak of the negative commandment concerning the new produce. In the previous commandment, we spoke of the positive commandment, namely to bring the Omer so that the new produce be permitted to be eaten. Because the main part of our sustenance comes from grain, therefore, we were commanded to bring the offering unto the Lord from the produce of the

earth, before we derived any benefit therefrom. We did this through the Omer. Our sages say, "He who derives any pleasure from any produce in the world without a benediction is guilty of a holy trespass." Barley was the produce that was offered. The reason for this is, it is the first of all the grains that becomes ripe. This offering made all new grain permissible for eating. There are five grains that come under the prohibition of being eaten before the Omer was brought, or before the 16th day of Nissan had passed. These five grains are: wheat, barley, spelt, oats, and rye. During the Temple times, when the Omer was brought on the 16th day of Nissan, the new grain was permitted after its offering. Those who dwelt in the cities, at a great distance from Jerusalem were permitted to eat of the new grain in the afternoon, because as a rule the Beth Din would not delay to do its duty in seeing that the Omer was brought by noon. Today, because the Temple does not exist and because we observe the two-day holiday, we are not permitted to eat of the new grain until after the 17th day of Nissan. This prohibition extends to all places and refers to all times. He who transgressed the law and ate a piece of bread (the size of an olive), was guilty of receiving stripes.

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Anglican divines like the late Archbishops of Canterbury, Dr. Lang and Dr. Temple, and religious laymen like Lloyd George and Lord Balfour, were ardent supporters of Zionism. When, in 1937, the Royal Commission, in proposing partition, excluded Jerusalem from the area of the Jewish State, the late Archbishop Dr. Lang made a statement in the House of Lords from which I should like to quote:

"There is one point here on which I feel the Jews have some legitimate grievance in the proposals made by the Royal Commission. That is the position of Jerusalem itself. It seems to me extremely difficult to justify fulfilling the ideals of Zionism by excluding them from any place in Zion. How is it possible for us not to sympathize in this matter with the Jews? . . ."

And finally permit me to quote Lord Balfour himself. In the great speech which he made on the tenth anniversary of his historic declaration, he uttered words on the spiritual

aspects of Zionism which are apposite to these days, when the effort is being made to reduce the Jewish question to a merely humanitarian concern for displaced refugees:

"I could never have thrown myself," said Lord Balfour, "with the enthusiasm which I have always felt for this cause, into it if it had been merely a question of taking out of most unhappy conditions a certain number of the Jewish race and replanting them in the land of their forefathers. If it had been merely that, I should have been, I hope, an enthusiast for the cause. But I think it is going to be much more than that. I hope and I believe that the highly endowed people who have done so much for Western civilization in some of the highest walks of human effort will do even more, if you give them the chance, in the original land of their inspiration, to carry out the work side by side with all the great civilized nations of the world — the chance to work side by side with them for the common advancement of knowledge."

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 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:15
 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:15
 Oneg Shabbos (Children 8-12) 3:30
 Mincha Service 4:15
 Reader of Torah: Arthur Udell
 Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh
 Speaker: Bernard Levmore
 The Sabbath Terminates 4:59
 Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
 Sunday Morning Youth Service 9:15
Daily Services
 Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
 Mincha 4:20

WOMEN'S LEAGUE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Lillian Levine will be hostess
 to the Women's League Executive
 Board, at her home, 230 West 79th
 St., on Monday afternoon, Dec. 1st,
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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

For some time we have been reading in the public press, and listening to the radio, to discussions on LOYALTY. We, in W.S.I.S. have a very simple test to ascertain the loyalty of our friends. Do you participate in our activities? Do you aid in making our ventures successful? Are you showing an enthusiastic interest in our projects?

At the present time, the practical test is:— Did you buy tickets for our Benefit Performance, at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Dec. 21st, 1947, to hear the Rossini Opera, "The Barber of Seville" which will be performed by an outstanding cast? The price is within reach of practically everyone, — from \$2.50 to \$20.00 each.

I earnestly urge that you — our readers — demonstrate your loyalty to W.S.I.S., by procuring tickets for Dec. 21st. If you are fortunate in taking a vacation at that time, please do not let us SUFFER thereby. Get some tickets and dispose of them among your friends who will represent you. Our work — to promote Traditional Judaism, to build character, to stimulate cultural, educational and social development — must go on. Please show your LOYALTY.



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GETTING PERSONAL

Rabbi Goldstein has been invited to become Chaplain of the New York State Troopers. . . Our President and Mrs. Lester Udell spent the weekend at Lakewood, as did our Director and Mrs. Harry Ward. . . Welcome home to our Director and Mrs. Julius Bayer. . . Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. S. Friedman upon the marriage of their son David, to Phoebe Shorin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Shorin. . . Glad to see Max E. Sanders at our services. . . Also happy to have with us Maurice Spanbock and Joseph Karp, as well as Buddy Udell and Hank Epstein. We also missed Joshua Levine. . . We were happy to hear from our young friend, Lynton C. Wiener, who is studying in Missouri. We understand that he was recently initiated into the National Honorary Society of Mechanical Engineers. . . We should like to keep in touch with our out-of-town college students through the medium of the "Review", if they will send us their address. We would appreciate their keeping us posted as to their achievements. . . We were happy to see Mrs. Samuel Greenman, at our services, but we missed Mr. Greenman. . . Congratulations to the Commander of the Buddy Friedman Post of the J.W.V., Leonard Feinstein, and his wife, upon the arrival of a baby boy. . . Happy birthday greetings to Directors Jacob Kaplan, Morris Levine, Gustave Roth (who left for Lakewood with Mrs. Roth to celebrate); Mrs. M. Bergman, Lawrence Robert Hecht, Jay and Richard Elihu Kobrin, and William Label. . . Lester Hyman, a pupil in our Talmud Torah, is a member of the Boys' Chorus at the Metropolitan Opera. . . Our Sunday Morning Youth Service and Breakfast (9:15), is making more friends every week. Teen agers, especially, feel at home — and they may be joined by their Dads. . . Additional donors to our Shmini Atzeres Appeal include: the House of Gross (Mrs. Anna Gross and sons), J. M. Hoffman, Isidore Lauer, Mrs. Sam W. Siegel and Benjamin Spanbock. . . Howard Redlich's talk at our Sunday Morning Breakfast met with acclaim by the young people. . . We were certainly sorry to hear of Mrs. Annie Eisenberg's accident. We missed Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan from our services. Mazel tov to them upon the marriage of Mrs. Kaplan's sister. . . We are happy that Sam Cohen is on the road to recovery.

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