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RABBI REICHEL

will preach tomorrow on
"JEWISH ASPIRATIONS"

FAITH AND REASON

The Thirteen Principles of Faith
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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"I firmly believe that the Creator, blessed be His name, knoweth all the actions of men and all their thoughts, as it is said, 'He fashioneth the hearts of them all, He considereth all their works'. Psa. xxxiii, 1-5."

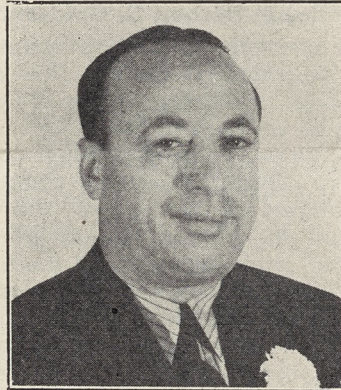
This principle declares the Omniscience of G-d. He knows all the activities of man, and does not disregard them, as we read in Genesis, Chapter 6, Verse 5, "And the Lord saw that man's wickedness on earth increased" . . . and accordingly brought on the flood, or as we read in Genesis, Chapter 18, Verse 20, "Because the cry against Sodom and Gemorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous," . . . "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gemorrah brimstone. . ."

The entire past and future lies unrolled before G-d, and nothing is hidden from Him, "G-d considereth all the deeds of man," without depriving man of his free-will; he may in this respect be compared to a person who observes and notices the actions and the conduct of his fellow-men, without interfering with them. It is the Will of G-d that man should have free-will, and should be responsible for his actions. His foresight, however, does not necessarily include predetermination. In some cases the fate of nations or of individual men is predetermined. We may even say that the ultimate fate of development of mankind is part of the design of the Creation. But as the actual design in the Creation is concealed from man's searching eye, so is also the extent of the predetermination, a mystery to him. To solve this problem is beyond the intellectual powers of short-sighted mortals; it is one of "the hidden things that belong to the Lord."

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Morris Levine

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Sunday evening (8:15) Religious Palestine Builders.

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MEN'S CLUB MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The next regular meeting of the W. S. I. S. Men's Club will be held Monday night, December 15th, at 8:30 o'clock.

Neighbors and friends of our Congregation are cordially invited to join the Men's Club social program. Refreshments will be served.

W.S.I.S. MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONDAY NIGHT

The annual meeting of the membership of the W.S.I.S. will take place on Monday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 o'clock, in our Synagogue. On the agenda will be the election of trustees and directors.

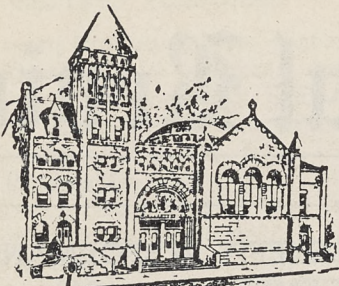
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A CHANUKAH THOUGHT

Our Chanukah lamps are illuminated not only to celebrate events of the hoary past, but also as a living symbol of G-d's miracles and mighty deeds in our midst.

It is on the eve of the rebirth of Eretz Israel as a home of the Jews, when Israel's historical faith has begun to bloom again, that we should take to heart the message of Chanukah.

We are secure in the Sanctuary of G-d as long as the holiness of the Temple is not defiled by pagans or even "well-meaning" reformers. As long as there will remain but one measure of oil uncontaminated, we shall always witness before our very eyes how the physical and spiritual remnants of G-d's chosen people, symbolic of that one cruse of oil, will lead Israel in the Holy Land and the Diaspora with their world mission of sanctifying the name of G-d to one "great deliverance and redemption" after another until the day shall come that "the L—d shall be king over all the earth."

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306th COMMANDMENT

To Count 49 Days, Day by Day from the Offering of the Omer.

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to count 49 days beginning with the 16th day of Nissan, (the second night of Passover), as we read in Leviticus, chapter 23, verse 15, "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the day of rest, from the day that ye brought the Omer (sheaf) of the waving; seven weeks shall there be complete." Thus, we are obliged to count the days day by day until the fiftieth day. So we are to count not only the days but also the weeks. Thus we read in the Talmud Menachos: Abaya said, "It is obligatory upon us to count the days and also the weeks." The purpose of this commandment is to indicate the place of, and our love for the Torah. Because of the Torah, heaven

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David, in Psalm 139:1-12, describes the Omniscience of G-d in the following way: "O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me . . . Thou understandest my thoughts afar off . . . and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether . . . Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there. If I make my bed in the grave, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea: even there shall Thy hand lead me . . . If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me . . . even the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee." Daniel Webster quoted this Psalm in the famous White Murder Trial.

Our belief in G-d's Omniscience is beautifully expressed in the Musaph Prayer of Rosh Hashonah,—"Thou rememberest the work of by-

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and earth and Israel were created. As we read in the book of Proverbs, "I would not have created day and night, heaven and earth, were it not for the Torah". The purpose of the Exodus from Egypt was that Israel should receive, establish, and fulfill the Torah. Because of this the Israelites were redeemed and the revelation at Sinai was the goal. In other words, the sign **אֵת** was **חֵירוֹת** freedom from bondage, but the end, or the goal was Sinai—the Revelation of the Torah.

A sign shows the road to travel, toward our goal. Therefore, beginning with the second day of Passover, we count the days that pass since the preceding Festival. Just as one who expects his most intimate friend on a certain day, counts the days. This is the reason why we count the days that pass since the offering of the Omer, between the anniversary of our departure from Egypt and the anniversary of the Law-giving at Sinai (Shevuos). The latter was the aim and object of the "exodus from Egypt." (Maimonides). In other words, the Deliverance from bondage was not an end in itself; it was the prelude to Sinai, (the Revelation of the Law). (Exod. III, 12). Liberty without law is a doubtful boon, whether to men or nations.

gone times, and thinkest of all the imaginations of former days; all hidden things are revealed before Thee; also all the multitude of hidden things which are from the beginning. For there is no forgetting before the throne of Thy glory, and nothing is concealed from Thine eye. Thou rememberest every deed, and no thought is hidden from Thee. Everything is revealed and known before Thee, O Lord our G-d, who beholdest and seest to the end of all generations."

There are those among the Philosophers, who say that G-d is too exalted to take notice of each individual being. To this we may quote the words of the Psalmist

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"who exalt Thee for Evil." Psalm 139:20. This can lead one to indiscretions because G-d is made too high to note our actions. We have but to refer to the Scriptural verse quoted by Maimonides, at the close of this Tenth Principle of the Faith, namely, "He considereth all their works," Psalm 33, as an indication of a Personal G-d—and His Omniscience.

OUR Talmud Torah

On Sunday afternoon, January 11, our pupils are going to see the Jewish spirited play, "Rich Man, Poor Man", at the Joan of Arc J. H. S. (Adults 75c; children 50c). For further information, please phone Rabbi Reichel at TR 7-8281.

The following pupils of our Religious School have made the Honor Roll: Alice Arsham, Ellen Aibinder, Jay Ball, Ari Fishbach, Alice Gottlieb, Lester Hyman, Robert Jay, Marilyn Kaital, Doris Linker, George Rosinger, Lawrence Rubin, Martin Sage, Ira Tumpowsky, Sam Ward, Rhoda Weintraub, Mitchell Wien, Elliot Wohl.

U. N. HOLY LAND DECISION CELEBRATED AT SERVICES

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 Weekly Portion: Miketz
 Friday Evening Service 4:20
 Friday Evening Young People's
 Study Circle 8:15
 Saturday Morning Service 8:45
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:15
 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:15
 Oneg Shabbos (Boys-Girls 8-12) 3:30
 Mincha Service 4:15
 Reader of Torah: Leisha Langer
 Reader of Service: Samuel Ward
 The Sabbath Terminates 4:57
 Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:30
 Special Young People's Chanukah
 Service and Breakfast 9:00

Daily Services:
 Monday Morning ... 6:30, 7:45, 8:15
 Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
 Mincha 4:20

Followed by the Explanation
 of the Shulchan Aruch
 by Rabbi Goldstein

Our W. S. I. S. Senior Basketball Team again defeated the Harris Society Team by the amazing score of 54-16. The game was won mainly through the excellent guarding by Lee Langer, Henry Myer and Ray Yavneh.

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow

On Monday evening, December 15th, 1947, the annual membership meeting of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, will take place in our building.

Those of you who are members of this organization, are urgently invited to attend this meeting, listen to reports of our various and numerous activities, participate in the election of Trustees and Directors nominated by a committee representing all the trustees, directors and members, and make suggestions for the good and welfare of our organization.

I am quite sure that you, our readers, have at some time or another felt that you had an idea or a suggestion that you thought would help us in the task of managing the different departments. At the membership meeting, this Monday evening, the time is appropriate for presenting such ideas or suggestions. Any member is privileged to submit constructive propositions which will tend to improve any section of our work.

I hope that we will have the pleasure to greet all of you who are members at our meeting on Monday evening, December 15th, 1947, at 8:30 o'clock.

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