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RABBI REICHEL

will preach tomorrow on
"Unwritten Symphonies"

FAITH AND REASON

The Thirteen Principles of Faith
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
Principle XI

"I firmly believe that the Creator, blessed be He, rewards those who keep His commandments, and punishes those who transgress His commandments."

I

In the previous Principle we acknowledge G-d's Omniscience. In this principle of Reward and Punishment, we must understand what is involved in Freedom of Choice. For, if there is no Free Will, or Freedom of Choice, why should man be rewarded, or punished for something he **must** do! G-d's foreknowledge or Omniscience however, is not determinative so as to impair "free-agency", or full powers of choice whether for good or evil, so as to deserve reward or punishment.

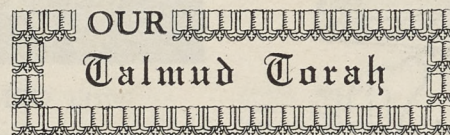
The immediate reward and punishment for our conduct we receive is the pleasure and happiness in doing something good and in the grief and remorse we ought to feel on learning that we have displeased the Almighty by our conduct. As a rule, every good act leads to further good acts, and every sin to further sins; and our Sages say therefore: "The reward of a good act, or Mitzvah, is another good act, or Mitzvah; and the punishment for a transgression, is an "Averah", another transgression, or "Averah".

But when we speak of the principle of Retribution, we generally mean such reward and punishment as is given in addition to the feeling of happiness or unhappiness.

This principle of Retribution has been proclaimed in the grand Revelation made to all Israel on Mount Sinai, in the Decalogue which has been accepted by all civilized nations as the basis of religion: "I, the L—d thy G-d, am a jealous G-d, visiting the iniquity of the fathers

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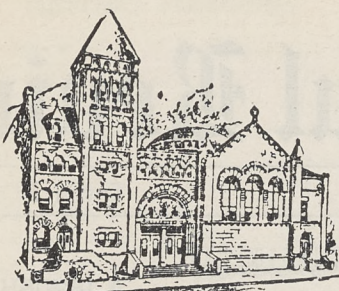
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DR. SAMUEL FRIEDMAN

In the passing of Dr. Samuel Friedman, popularly known as "Shabbos Friedman," the Jewish community has lost not merely an eminent physician but also a rare type of professional man. Dr. Friedman, besides being a great student in medicine, balanced his scientific studies with constant reading in Jewish literature. At his bedside one could find not only his medical journals, but a "Sefer" as well. Too many men in public life measure their success only by their professional standing and relegate advancement in Jewish knowledge to the students of institutions of learning.

Dr. Friedman invented the first snow plow machine for the purpose of removing the snow as quickly as possible. He was motivated by the desire to lessen the many ailments, prevalent during the winter season. This indicates a genuinely humanitarian approach to his profession. Amidst a very busy practice Dr. Friedman found time to help, by his presence, and his counsel, all worthwhile endeavors to strengthen Orthodox Judaism. May his memory be an inspiration to us.



307th COMMANDMENT

The Law Concerning the Two Loaves of Bread Brought on Shevuos.

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I

We are commanded to bring on the Festival of Shevuos, bread from the wheat of the field. This is called "a new meal-offering unto the Lord." (Leviticus, chapter 23, verse 16.) This is composed of two loaves of bread, as it is written in Leviticus, chapter 23, verse 17, "Ye shall bring out of your own habitations, two wave-loaves of two tenth parts; . . . they are the first fruits unto the Lord." This was done by taking three seahs of new wheat which was cleansed, and pounded, (as in the case of all meal-offerings), and it was ground and then sieved twelve times, from which two tenths were waved. Then they would take the two tenths and make of them two loaves. Sour dough or yeast was put in it.

The length of the chalah, or loaf of bread, was seven handbreadths, its width four handbreadths, and its height was four fingers. It was oblong. They were baked on Erev Shevuos, and on Shevuos, they were waved. They were eaten by the Priest up to midnight. This was the first offering of all the meal-offerings brought of wheat. Each loaf

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was one tenth of a seah. Just as the Omer made the rest of the produce (barley) permissible to be eaten after the second day of Passover, so the Two Loaves of Bread made the wheat produce permitted as Temple food after Shevuos. With the loaves of bread, there were brought, as we read in Leviticus, chapter 23, verse 18, "seven sheep without blemish of the first year and one young bullock and two rams, and they shall be a burnt-offering unto the Lord." Verse 19, "And ye shall sacrifice one he-goat for a sin-offering and two sheep of the first year for a sacrifice of a peace-offering." This latter sacrifice was in addition to the Musaf offering of the day. And after the waving of the bread, it was eaten with the sheep of the peace-offering. It is very interesting to note, that for Passover we have the Omer of **barley**, and for Shevuos the **wheat** offering of the two loaves of bread. The Rabbis give the following reason for the difference in the contents of these two offerings. The Omer of barley was offered on Passover, which commemorated our physical liberation. We had not yet received the Torah and without the Torah we are not superior to the beast. In fact man's mental acuteness without the moral guidance contained in the Torah may cause him to be worse than a beast. Hence, the offering of barley which is animal food, as it is said in the first Book of Kings, Chapter 5, verse 8, — "The **barley** and the straw for the **horses** and the **mules**." On Shevuos, however, the anniversary of the Revelation — when Israel received the Torah on Sinai, and when we become veritably spiritual men, the offering was of **wheat flour** — the **food of man**.

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upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus, Chapter 20, verses 5 and 6.) We understand the doctrine of retribution only in its general outlines; we are convinced of the truth of the Divine words, "There is no peace to the wicked" (Isaiah, Chapter 57, verse 21); but how the law is applied in every single case is known to G-d alone. It is presumptuous on the part of limited-vision man to criticize G-d's judgments, and to find injustice in the

prosperity of the wicked and the misery of the righteous. What man is able to estimate the merits of his neighbor fully and correctly? "For the L—d seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the L—d looketh on the heart". (First Book of Samuel, chapter 16, verse 7.)

This, our inability of rightly estimating the merits of our neighbor's actions, is illustrated by the Biblical narrative of Cain and Abel. Both brought sacrifices to the Lord; and we cannot discover any difference in their actions, and yet the sacrifice of Cain was rejected by G-d and that of Abel was accepted.

FOR OUR YOUTH

Our Social Department under the direction of Mr. Solomon Weiss, has youth clubs for all ages.

Sunday is the busiest day. **Boys and Girls (8-12) Play Groups** meet at 2 P.M. Their activities include games, songs, and pleasant times together in a Jewish atmosphere.

At 2:30 **Bachelors and Bobbys** (Boys and Girls, 15-17) have their meetings.

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On Friday evenings, at 8:15, a **Youth Forum** for upper high school and college students welcomes you. Featured are discussions, singing, and refreshments.

W.S.I.S. Boys and Girls (young people 14 to 16) meet Sunday evenings at 8.

At 3:00 the **Junior League**, which has recently been organized, is meeting regularly. This group is open only to sons and daughters of W.S.I.S. members and their friends. An invitation is extended to young people (above the age of 20) of the W.S.I.S. family to participate.

At 8:00 **The Young People's League** of young men and women, above 20, meet for social and cultural programs.

The gym at P.S. 87 is being used on Wednesday evenings by our **Senior Basketball Team**.

Sunday mornings at 9:15, our young men conduct their own ser-

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:15
Weekly Portion: Vayechi

Friday Evening Service 4:30
Friday Night Youth Forum 8:15
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
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Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:20
Oneg Shabbos

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It has been the aim of the Social Department, to make W.S.I.S. the center of Religious, Social, Recreational, and Educational activities.

Whether you are eight or twenty-eight, our Social Department has a club or activity which will interest you. If you have not joined one, do so at once—by contacting Mr. Weiss who is available at our office weekdays and Saturday evenings, 8-10 P.M., and Sundays, 2-10 P.M.

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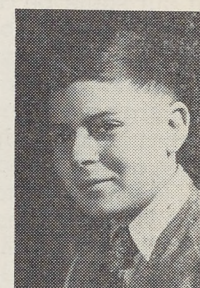
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It was nice seeing all our members and their friends at our annual reunion at the Metropolitan Opera House last Sunday. . . Glad we can always count on our good friend, Isidore Lauer, to pinch-hit for Cantor Yavneh, as he did on Shabbos Chanukah. . . The winter season's Florida exodus is becoming noticeable. Heading the list are Director and Mrs. Julius Bayer, Director and Mrs. Moe Oltarsh, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herring, and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Udell. . . Delighted to see Mrs. Harry Ward back in shule for the first time since her recent illness—and happy to hear Morris Friedman is well. . . Welcome home to our Director and Mrs. Harry Mirken. . . We were happy to see Edward Silver, President of the National Council of Young Israel, and First Assistant District Attorney of Brooklyn, at the "aufruf" of Elihu Silver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silver. Also among the guests was our friend, Lou G. Siegel. May his attendance at our shule be as good as his food. . . Congratulations to Director Samuel W. Siegel who has been elevated to a vice-presidency in the Congregation and to Messrs. Irving Kobrin and Philip Wohl, who have been added to our Board of Directors. . . Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Izak Nieweg upon the marriage of their son, Bram, to Miss Vera Polak. . . Our Directors, Albert H. Cohen, and Moe Oltarsh helped make the annual affair of the McCosker-Hirshfield Cardiac Home a great success. . . Happy Birthday greetings to Director Adolph Meirowitz (upon his fiftieth), Dr. Gerald Blankfort, Simeon H. P. Goldstein, Samuel Greenman, and little Gerald Bruce Weiss. . . Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond, Director and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Levine, Director and Mrs. George Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisel, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter. . . Good luck to Jack Sherry and Trudy Kanter who were married in our Synagogue. . . We were glad to see at our services, Elihu Druckman, Allen Mirken and Lynton Wiener, who are back from college. . . It's a boy—Mozel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Goldstein and to the grandparents, our beloved Rabbi and Reb-betzen. . . And it's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Hank) Epstein. Loads of luck!

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