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RABBI GOLDSTEIN

will preach tomorrow on
"TORAH and SHEERAH"

FAITH AND REASON

The Thirteen Principles of Faith
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
XII

*"I firmly believe in the coming of
Messiah; and although he may tarry,
I daily hope for his coming."*

II

The belief in the coming of Messiah in some future time has been, like the belief in the Unity of G-d, the source of vexatious disputations between Jews and non-Jews. Mohammedans and Christians tried by all means in their power to convince the Jews that the Anointed, whose advent was prophesied by the Prophets had already appeared, the former pointing to Mohammed, the latter to Jesus, as the person realizing those predictions.

Maimonides says as follows:—"The King Messiah will in some future time come, restore the kingdom of David to its former power, build the Temple, bring together the scattered of Israel, and all the ancient laws will again be in force. Whoever does not believe in him, or does not hope for his coming, shows a want of faith not only in the Prophets, but also in the Law; for the Law testifies concerning him in the words: 'And the L—d thy G-d will again bring back thy captivity, show mercy to thee, and again gather thee, etc. If thy outcasts be at the end of the heavens, thence will the L—d gather thee,' etc., 'and the L—d will bring thee,' etc. (Deut. xxx. 3-5), etc.

"You must not imagine that Messiah must prove his Messianity by signs and miracles, doing something unexpected, bringing the dead to life, or similar things, etc. The principal thing is this: the statutes and precepts of our Torah remain forever, and nothing can be added to them nor caught taken from them. If, therefore, a descendant of David earnestly studies the Law, enjoins, causes all Israelites to act similarly, exhorts those who are lax in

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PRESIDENT OF "FRANCE FOREVER" TO ADDRESS RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S CLASS MONDAY NIGHT ON "ARAB-JEWISH RELATIONS"

WOMEN'S LEAGUE RENDERS OUTSTANDING SERVICE

GET-TOGETHER DUTCH SUPPER, FEBRUARY 1st

The latest project of our Women's League entitles them to the gratitude of our young people as well as of our adults.

Besides carrying on their usual activities they are completely redecorating and refurnishing (in modernistic style) the Council Room which belongs solely to our young people. At the same time they are redecorating and overhauling the Women's League and Men's Club Meeting Room.

To promote good fellowship among the W. S. I. S. families, the Women's League is planning a get-together supper, to be followed by games, at our building, on Sunday evening, February 1st at 6:30 o'clock. Subscription will be \$5.00 per couple.

Limited to 150 people.

Since our capacity is limited to 150, we will not be able to accept reservations after this number is reached.

If you wish to be "counted in" on the delightful evening we are planning, mail your check of \$5.00 made out to the Women's League of W.S.I.S., 120 West 76th Street.

A TREAT FOR OUR WOMEN DESSERT LUNCHEON REVIEW OF CURRENT PLAYS

All the women of our congregation are cordially invited to attend a Dessert Luncheon which is to be given by our Women's League, at our building, on Monday afternoon, Jan. 26, at 12 o'clock.

Following the Luncheon, that very dynamic and fascinating speaker, Gertrude Lytle Freedman will review Current Outstanding Plays on Broadway.

The hostesses of the afternoon will be Mrs. A. L. Braff, Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mrs. Walter Freeman, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Mrs. Morris Jablow and Mrs. Jules Shafon.

Please,—Do not forget a can of kosher food.



DR. ALBERT C. J. SIMARD

Doctor Albert C. J. Simard, noted international personality will speak on "Arab-Jewish Relations" this Monday night, January 26th.

Dr. Simard is the founder and national president of France Forever, and Knight of the Legion of Honour. He is also chairman of the Union For the Protection of the Human Person by International, Social and Economic Corporation, Inc. and of the Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe, Inc. He was president of the Free French War Veterans.

All are welcome.

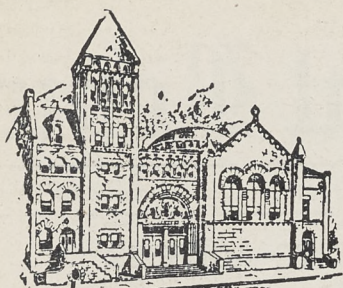
REGISTRATION FOR FALL TERM

We are accepting new pupils for the spring term which begins on Sunday, February 1, 1948. You owe it to the future of your children to give them a Jewish Education now.

If you know of any child who should attend our school please write or phone Rabbi Reichel, who will be glad to follow through every prospective pupil.

RABBI REICHEL CONDUCTS FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH FORUM TONIGHT AT 8:15

Young men and women of upper High School and College age should not miss the Friday Night Youth Forum which meets every week at 8:15. On the agenda: Bible Forum, Discussions, Singing, and Refreshments.



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TU B'SHEVAT

Chamishah Asar B'shevat (15th day of Shevat) is also known as Tu B'shevat, the Hebrew letters equalling the 15th. This is often referred to as Jewish Arbor Day. The festival is observed by eating some of the various fruits and products of the Holy Land. It is used as an occasion for stressing the significance of the upbuilding of the Holy Land. The day is observed in Palestine by the sowing of seeds and the planting of trees.

It was the custom in ancient days in Palestine to plant a tree for every new born child. A cedar tree was planted for a boy to signify strength and height, and a pine tree for a girl, indicating gentleness and comeliness. At the wedding, the tree was cut down and used for the "chup-pah" (wedding canopy).

Incidentally, this is an appropriate time to plant a tree in the Lester Udell Orchard in the Holy Land, through the American Religious Palestine Fund, 1123 Broadway, or our Rabbi Goldstein. This is a worthwhile project for Palestine and a deserving tribute to Mr. Udell.



311th COMMANDMENT

Not to Do Any Work on Rosh Hashonah

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

II

On Rosh Hashonah, not only is mankind judged in general, but every individual person is judged by the Almighty as the sheep that is mustered before its master. The purpose of this commandment is to show the loving kindness of Almighty G-d for His creatures. To remember them, to look upon their deeds, year by year, and to set aside one day every year for this purpose. Were we not commanded to give this matter attention year by year, our sins would become very numerous. If we were allowed to spend the years without any spiritual thought of repentance and amusement, we would be overwhelmed by our sins. Rosh Hashonah gives us a chance each year to review our lives and to be sorry for our weaknesses and to improve. What a marvelous opportunity our merciful Father gives

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FAITH AND REASON

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the performance of the commandments, and fights the wars of the L—d: he may possibly be Messiah. If he succeeds, builds the Temple in its place, and gathers the outcasts of Israel, he is certainly Messiah; and if he does not succeed, or is killed in war, it is certain that he is not the Messiah promised in the Law; he is like all the noble and good kings of the House of David who have died. Also Jesus, the Nazarene, who imagined that he would be Messiah, and was killed through the court of law, is alluded to in the Book of Daniel, as it is said, 'And the sons of the transgressors among Thy people will rise, in order to establish a vision, and will stumble' (ibid. xi. 14). Can there be a greater stumbling than this?

The war of Gog and Magog against the Holy Land referred to by Maimonides is described by the prophet Ezekiel (chaps. 38-39) as preceding the complete restoration

us to rub our spiritual slate clean every year. Therefore, if there are sins that need be cleansed, one is punished for them in a way that is trifling, against what would happen, if G-d Almighty had not set aside these holidays for improvements. Our sins would accumulate to such a degree that our punishment would be awful. Therefore, Rosh Hashonah is called a holiday, for whilst we are sorry for our past we rejoice in the opportunity for penance and in the outlook for forgiveness. Accordingly, we are commanded to blow the Shofar as a spiritual re-awakening. In Num. xxix, 1, the occasion is called 'a day of blowing the horn,' i.e. Shofar, the ram's horn; Josh. vi, 4. This act must be differentiated from the sounding of the 'trumpet' (not the Shofar) which took place while the offerings were brought on all the Festivals and the New Moons (Num. x, 10). The blowing of the Shofar had consequently quite a different significance, and was more awe-inspiring (see Amos III, 6) than the blowing of the silvery trumpets, which generally was a joyous sound. From time immemorial the Shofar blowing has been a call to contrition and penitence, as a reminder of the Shofar-sound of Sinai; and the Day of Memorial, the beginning of the Ten Days of Repentance **עשרת ימי תשובה** which culminate in the Day of Atonement, as a time of self-examination and humble petition for forgiveness.

of Israel. Saadiyah has a different view of this war. The punishment of Israel in exile is to come to an end at a fixed time, or as soon as the Israelites by earnest and thorough repentance show themselves worthy of Divine grace. In that case no war of Gog and Magog will be waged against them. But if the Israelites should allow the approach of the time fixed for the redemption without having given signs of repentance and improvement, great troubles will be brought upon them, which will forcibly remind them of the necessity of returning to G-d; they will come together under a leader, Messiah ben Joseph, under whose leadership they will fight against their enemies, but will be beaten, and Messiah ben Joseph himself will be killed. Then Messiah ben David will appear, and with him the period of glory, of permanent peace and prosperity, and of the worship of the One G-d by all nations.

OUR Talmud Torah

REGISTRATION FOR DAILY MORNING KINDERGARTEN

We are happy to announce plans for the formation of a Daily Morning Kindergarten for the spring term, in addition to our regular Daily Afternoon Kindergarten.

ACTIVITIES

The pupils of our school will celebrate Tu B'Shevat, (Jewish Arbor Day) on Sunday, January 25th, at 10:30 A.M. at an assembly.

The Women's League will again distribute Palestinian fruit to the children.

On Sunday afternoon, January 25th at 2 o'clock, the star players of the four West Side Religious Schools basketball teams will play the star players from Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. This game will be played at our home court, the Jewish Center, 131 West 86th St. The game promises to be most exciting.

On Feb. 1st, Sunday afternoon, 2:00 P.M. at the Jewish Center, 131 W. 86th St., Mr. Barnet Felix will offer a most interesting exhibition on Boxing. He will show movies and explain the entire art.

He is director of the New York Boxing Clinic at Madison Square Garden.

Tickets are available in Rabbi Reichel's office, for the asking, for the children of our Hebrew School and their friends.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening4:42
 Weekly Portion: B'Shalach
 Friday Evening Service 4:50
 Friday Evening Young People's Study Circle 8:15
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Reader of Service: Lawrence Rubin
 Reviewer of Sedrah: Michael Silberman
 Gaboim: George Rosinger and Victor Ringel
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:45
 Mr. Isaac Allan's Talmud Class 3:45
 Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls 8-12) 3:30
 Mincha Service 4:45
 Reader of Torah: Murray Yavneh
 Reader of Service: Harvey Shapiro
The Sabbath Terminates 5:30
 Sunday Morning Service6:45; 8:45
 Special Young People's Service and Breakfast 9:15
 Monday—New Year For Trees

Daily Services

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
 Mincha 4:50
 Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DRIVE

The U. J. A. drive is opening early in February. We urge all our women to make their contribution through our Women's League, and the men through our Synagogue.

Our Synagogue is a depot for clothes and kosher food for our brethren in Europe and the Holy Land.

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We welcome our neighbors and friends who have recently become members of our Congregation:

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All of you mothers, fathers and grandparents etc., here is your chance to prove what you've been boasting about. We would like to have a baby contest for all members and friends of our congregation — to be chosen as the W.S.I.S. baby for 1948. The requirements are: a picture of the child (under five years of age) you wish to enter, along with a dollar entrance fee mailed to Getting Personal c/o West Side Institutional Synagogue. The money to be used for the care of the less fortunate babies in Palestine. The prize? A loving cup. If you readers approve, please let us know by mail, telephone or wire. If the response is big enough, we will go ahead as planned. Let's hear from you. . . . Speaking of babies, we feel certain that Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shraub will enter their newborn daughter — and so with Sol Bellsey's new grandson. Speaking of congratulations, Happy Birthday to me (E.W.), and speaking of Happy Birthdays — best wishes to: Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein, Leopold Hirsch, Jules Howard, Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Henry Kessler and Maurice Linker. . . . Among the vacationers we had a report on this week, are Abraham Druckman who is off to Kiamesha for a well deserved rest and Charley Cohen from New Orleans. . . . Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mirken. . . . A speedy recovery to Mrs. Jess Ward, and Mrs. Max Frank, and to Pop Wartels who is at the hospital. . . . One of our members (A.G.) claims he is so wealthy, he knew who Mrs. Hush was, but wouldn't tell. Some of our well deserving members that come to mind this week are: Mrs. Sanford Solarz and Mrs. Jack Goodman who head the Committee in charge of the Chamisha Asar B'shvat treat; Samuel K. Beier for his donation of prayer books, and Mrs. Harry Ward who is host at this week's Sunday Youth Service and Breakfast. . . . Who's next? . . . Congratulations to Donald Bergman who is graduating from Public School and to Allen Hirsch who is graduating from High School. . . . We missed Pop Wartels this Shabbos as well as Mrs. Annie Mirken. . . . But we were glad to see back Mrs. Harold Wohl and Mr. Shlome Wohlberg. . . . This week we leave you with the thought: Whether you have hair or not it's nice to have a head.

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