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RABBI REICHEL

will preach Saturday morning on
"Earning Our New Heritage"

FAITH AND REASON

The Existence of G-d

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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The Existence of G-d may be shown (a) from the Mechanistic conception of the Universe, (b) from Philosophy, (c) from Nature, (d) from History, (e) from Conscience, and (f) from Revelation.

The available evidence for the truth of the Divine Existence is abundant enough, to satisfy every fair-minded thinker, even in these days of daring scientific inquiry. All that we know of the physical universe teaches us that force is essentially unintelligent. If the great energies of Nature were left to riot unrestrained, this world would cease to move, to exist; the stars would fall from their places in the firmament; we should have not order, but confusion, not a cosmos, but chaos. Order, law, life, to which the universe so abundantly testifies, are only made possible by the operation of Mind. A familiar example will illustrate this. A force such as steam or electricity keeps an engine at work; but a mind is needed to generate and apply the force. You may have not only your engine, but your steam. But unless some intelligence brings them into relation with each other, the engine will never work. Admit that the universe is a machine marvelously contrived and moved, and you must admit that it has been so contrived and is so moved, only by the intervention of a supremely wise Mind.

How inadequate and inexact, then, is the statement of a professed seeker after truth like Haeckel, who can put forth evolution as an explanation of the variety of organic forms on the earth, and even declare that Darwin so represented it! "Darwin," he says, "has proved by his theory of selection that the orderly processes in the life and structure of animals and plants have arisen without any preconceived design." And further, "The theory of selection

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HAVE YOU GIVEN TO THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL? An Additional \$30,000 Raised

There should not be a soul in our midst today, who is not in sympathy with the United Jewish Appeal.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein has invited groups of our members to his home for a series of parlor meetings for the U. J. A.

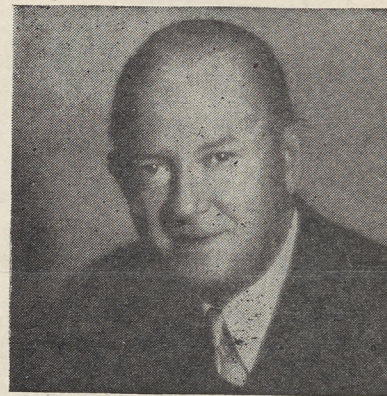
At the last parlor meeting an additional \$30,000 was raised. The following responded:

Harry Altman, Harry Appel, William Ball, Elias Baumgarten, Meyer Braunstein, Harry Cohen, S. M. Druker, Abraham Druckman, Emanuel Fine, Frank Fink, Ira Friedlander, Shalom Goldberg, Alex Golden, Hyman Gottlieb, Jesse Gross, Carl Grossberg, Oscar Gruss, Isadore Greenberg, Herman Herring, Max Horowitz, William Horwitz, Leo Jacobowitz, Edward Jacobs, George Jacoby, M. Kanarek, Irving Karpf, Irving Kobrin, Isadore Neustadter, Meyer Pargament, Henry Reichlin, G. Richard Rubenstein, Harry Schetzen, Benjamin Shapiro, Aaron Wartels, Pincus Wasserteil, Morris J. Weinstein, Z. Y. Wolloch.

SESSION SAT. AFTERNOON FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH RABBI REICHEL

Our youth of upper high school and college age are invited with their friends to attend the Saturday afternoon Study Circle in the Mishnah, tomorrow, at 5:30 in the Council Room.

SOUVENIR ALBUM OF 1948 NEEDS YOUR HELP



Harry Appel

Our Director Harry Appel is leading as top "ad-getter" this week.

We earnestly urge all our readers to redouble their efforts for the Souvenir Album in honor of Samuel W. Siegel.

Moses Langer, Chairman of the Souvenir Album Committee, has a simple formula: First, submit your own ad—Secondly, secure some ads from your friends. That's the spirit!

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ARRANGES ANOTHER OUTSTANDING PROGRAM

Our Women's League has arranged for a Strawberry Festival which will be held at our Building on Monday afternoon, May 17th at 1:30 o'clock.

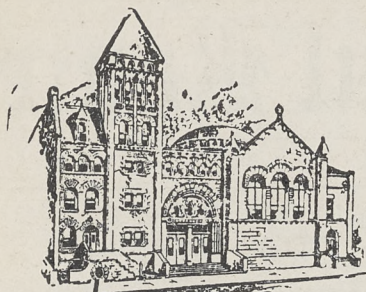
The guest speaker of the afternoon will be the well-known literary analyst, Mrs. Sidney Senzer. She will review two books which have created a sensation, "My Father's House" by Sona Morgenstern and "Inside U.S.A." by John Gunther.

All of the women of our congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend this interesting and enjoyable function, as the guests of our Women's League.

ATTENTION!

**Young Men—over 21
Young Women—over 18**

Reserve Saturday afternoon, **May 22**, 4 o'clock, for Young People's Reunion, in the Synagogue House.



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"YESHIVA" EDUCATION

At a convention of educators, Dr. H. L. Boda, of Dayton, Ohio said, "The most important problem before the week-day church school program is the question of how to relate religion to education, while, at the same time, safeguarding the American principle of separation of the church and state."

"The week-day church school plan," he added, "does not violate the principle of the separation of church and state, providing that to all established religious bodies there are accorded the same privileges," that no public funds are expended for the program, and that there is no organic relationship between the public school and the week-day church school. Further, he held that attendance be voluntary on the part of parents and pupils.

We note here, that the Protestants too, are now seeing the need of a Full Day School wherein the religious program is not a tail to a secular one, but represents the core of child training. Yeshiva education is thus regarded as the finest blending of the religious and secular phases of life.



327th COMMANDMENT

We are not to Prune the Vineyard (on the Sabbatical Year).

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Just as it is forbidden on the Sabbatical year to sow or harvest the ground, so, also, it is forbidden to do so to the trees, for it is written in Leviticus, chapter 25, verse 4, "Nor prune thy vineyard."

He who transgressed this law received stripes.

328th COMMANDMENT

That Which Groweth of Itself of the Harvest Thou shalt not Reap.

We are commanded not to cut of anything that groweth of itself in the Sabbatical year, namely, that which sprouts from that which was seeded on the sixth year. This is called **ספִּיחַ** for it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 25 verse 5, "That which groweth of the harvest thou shalt not reap, for it is a year of rest unto the land." The Bible, however, has permitted us to eat it, but not to harvest it. We are permitted

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to take only enough for one meal for one's family, but not to harvest a large quantity.

This commandment refers only to vegetables and produce of the ground, but does not refer to fruit trees because the trees do not ripen in a year.

This commandment pertains to male and female alike and is carried out only in Palestine, when it belongs to the Jewish people. One who transgressed it received stripes.

329th COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt not Gather the Grapes of Thine Undressed Vine.

We are not to gather the fruit produce in the seventh year as they are gathered in other years. We are to make some change in the method, to show that everything in the seventh year is public property. Therefore, we are commanded, "Thou shalt not gather the grapes of thy undressed (uncut) vines." In other words, neither the grapes nor the figs should be harvested the way they are usually gathered. The Hebrew word for "undressed vine" is **נוֹר** ; the same word is used for a Nazarite. See Book of Numbers, Chapter 6, Book 5. Like the Nazarite, the vines were not to be trimmed during the Sabbatical year, in the regular way.

This commandment prevails only in Palestine and refers only to male and female. One who transgressed it was punished with stripes.

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teaches us that this organic progress is an inevitable struggle for existence." It is difficult to conceive of a "theory" proving or teaching anything. But assuming that the varied procession of life on this earth is the result of evolution acting in the struggle for existence, it by no means follows that evolution is its final and sufficient cause. It is impossible for the mind seeking after the origin of things to rest in a mere process of law. A mechanical explanation of phenomena cannot possibly content it. The process, so orderly and so vast, must have had a mind to will it; the law implies a lawgiver. So, at least, Darwin could admit. (See "The Descent of Man," 1901 ed., p. 297.) Other advanced thinkers admit it. Weismann, for example. "It would be a great delusion," he warns us, "if any one were to believe that he had arrived at a comprehension of the universe

by tracing the phenomena of nature to mechanical principles. He would thereby forget that the assumption of eternal matter, with its eternal laws, by no means satisfies our intellectual need for causality." (Studies in the Theory of Descent, English ed. 1882, p. 710).

Those persons, therefore, who consider the evolution theory, the most satisfactory explanation of the origin of the universe, are free to hold it without any veto from Religion. They can adopt it without doing violence to the dogma of the existence of a Divine Being, all-wise and all-powerful, which constitutes the foundation of the Jewish Faith.

We have, also, the statement in the Talmud Rosh Hashonah, that the earth was created with all its strata. This harmonizes with the geological statement about the age of the earth. The Midrash also states that **הקב"ה בורא עולמות ומחריב אותן** "G-d created worlds and destroyed them," our world being the last. This harmonizes with evolution.

MEMORIAL SERVICES MONDAY NIGHT

Annual Memorial Services will be held for the departed, whose names appear on the plaques on the Memorial Tablet in our Synagogue, on Monday evening, May 17th, at 8:30 o'clock, promptly.

UNVEILING

On Sunday, May 16, the unveiling of the monuments in memory of our former Directors will take place.—No Postponements.

JACK LEVINE at 11:15 A.M., Washington Cemetery (Section I)
SAMUEL FASTEN, at 1:00 P.M., at the Mt. Zion Cemetery.
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A NEW CLASS OF INTEREST

The Men's Club will sponsor a Rhumba class for members of the Men's Club and their ladies, to be held in the near future, under the leadership of Mr. Isadore Lauer.

Those desiring to join this class are requested to send in their names and addresses to Mr. Lauer.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 7:45

Weekly Portion: Kedoshim

Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls 8-12) 8:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 6:50
Mr. Isaac Allan's Talmud Class 6:50
Mincha Service 7:50

Reader of Torah: Bruno Wassertheil

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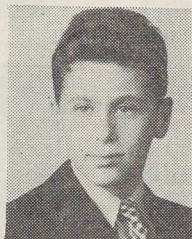
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Getting Personal

We were proud of our young people who conducted the services last Saturday so expertly. Besides the budding Preacher and the Cantors, we have discovered an ideal usher, Bernard Gottlieb, who was able to show us a sterling example of what it means not to speak during prayers and the reading of the Torah. . . . Assisting him were Michael Ende, Jack Wohl, and Sandy Ward. . . . Mose Goodman flew in from Florida to visit us. His comparison of "Minyanim" is in our favor. . . . Happy to hear Max E. Sanders is on the mend. . . . A new baby boy has joined the family of Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel Lifschitz. We extend to the proud parents a hearty Mazel Tov. . . . We congratulate Mr. Abraham H. Druckman for making liberal provisions for a Perpetual Scholarship in Yeshiva University in memory of his parents. Our beloved Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein will deliver the invocation at the UOJCA Convention session at the Yeshiva University this week-end. . . . Mr. Benjamin Schreiber of Schreiber's Restaurant recently sent us an interesting booklet on Passover, entitled, "And Thou Shalt Tell". Our readers may write to him for a free copy. . . . Thanks to Mr. Benjamin Tilem for his donation of Silex. . . . Happy Birthday to Harry Ackerman, Mrs. Bruno Bayer, Mrs. Mepa Bayer, Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein, Mile Breger, Samuel Diamond, Stephen Ian Greenman, Joseph Neustadter, Mrs. Morris Segerman and Benjamin Spanbock. . . . Anniversary Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altman, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Dattlebaum, and Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum. . . . A rich uncle wrote to his nephew: I am sending you the \$10 you requested, and I would like to call to your attention a spelling error in your last letter—10 is written with one nought, not two". . . .

THRIFT SALE

Do you have any items around your house for which you no longer have any use? Bric-a-Brac, utensils, out-moded clothes, or anything which you wish to discard will be most acceptable for the Thrift Sale which our Women's League is planning to hold.

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