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RABBI REICHEL

will preach Saturday morning on

"A Share in Israel"

FAITH AND REASON

The Existence of G-d

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

II

In the realm of philosophy we have what is called the "teleological argument" showing the existence of G-d. This argument is the argument of design. Just as a table is not made by itself without a carpenter, so, alone, this universe has not come about by accident or by itself but by the existence of a Creator, G-d.

In the realm of Nature, not only is the construction of the meanest creature, the beetle that crawls under our feet, the midge that floats in the air, the anemone that lurks in the pools on the seashore, a thing of wonder, but we know that the air and the waters are swarming with life, filled with tiny beings which only the instruments of the man of science disclose to the sight. And all these marvels can point only in one direction. If they evince power and wisdom they must surely testify to the existence of a Being who is all-powerful and wise. The awe with which they inspire us is awe not of them, but of the majesty of which they silently tell. The scent and splendour of the rose fill us with joy, but with reverence too. The joy is for the beauty of the flower, the reverence is for its wonders. We bow before the might that has made such loveliness, the wisdom that has woven it into the motley raiment of nature. And bowing before that might and that wisdom, we give glory to the Mind that has evinced them. And that Mind we call G-d.

So, too, does the construction of our own physical bodies indicate a designing Mind,—G-d. To express our greatfulness for the minute and perfect creation and functioning of the body, we recite a blessing every time after we have eased ourselves and leave the bathroom. I refer to the well-known *אשר יצר* prayer. "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who hast

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The rates of the ads in the Souvenir Album range from a full page \$100, one-half page \$50, one-quarter page \$25, one-eighth page \$15, one-sixteenth page \$10.

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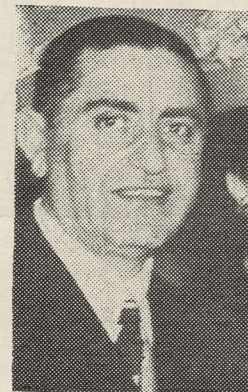
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT MEN'S CLUB MEETING

On Monday, May 24th, the Men's Club will elect officers for the ensuing year. The record of the present officers is so satisfactory that all of them have been re-nominated. They are:

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All members are requested to attend and bring along new members. Refreshments will be served.

U. J. A. Co-Chairman



ADOLPH MEIROWITZ

This is the year that counts. It is up to all of us to make the United Jewish Appeal accomplish its Herculean obligation to our Jewish heroes who need our help desperately.

Rabbi Goldstein will have a parlor meeting at his home on Wednesday night, May 26th at 8:30 o'clock for the United Jewish Appeal. You are urged to come to this meeting even if you have already made your contribution to the United Jewish Appeal.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REUNION

Saturday Afternoon

May 22nd at 4 o'clock

Another session of the Young People's Reunions, which have been very successful this year, will be held tomorrow at 4 o'clock in the Council Room.

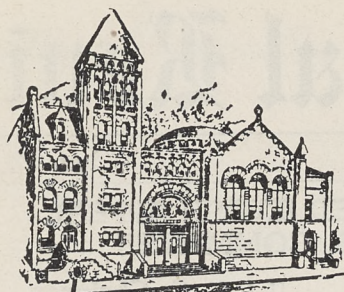
***Discussion on "The Future of Israel and American Jewry"

***Community singing and refreshments.

***And a pleasant afternoon.

The Co-Chairmen for the afternoon will be Roslyn Fuchs and Shepherd Levmore. All young women of our congregation over 18 and young men over 21 are cordially invited to attend this meeting with their friends.

NOTE FOR W.S.I.S. YOUTH
Teen Age Boys and Girls
MISHNAH SESSION
SATURDAY AFTERNOONS
at 5:30



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OUR "ISRAEL"

The proclamation of the State of Israel has reaffirmed the Jewish historical destiny of the "People of the Book."

The nations of the world are recognizing the fulfillment of Scriptures. All G-d fearing peoples should rejoice in the rebirth of a nation whose goal is to develop a divinely inspired community in the Holy Land.

If Israel is to fulfill its immediate objective in resuscitating the remnants of Israel within its borders and fulfill its divine role in history, our undivided loyalty and unstinting support are essential. The selfless and life-giving devotion of our brethren to the defense of our homeland should impel world Jewry to rededicate itself with equal pride and heroism to the spiritual life and ideals of the House of Israel.

This is the historic moment for all Israel to come back to the fold of Israel—to unite our souls with the soul of our people—through our return to the spiritual values of our heritage, the backbone and raison-d'être of our past, present, and future.

O.A.R.



330th COMMENDMENT

To Count the Years
Up to the Jubilee Year

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I

We are commanded "to number years" as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 25, verse 8, "And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto Me, seven times seven years . . . even forty-nine years." We are to count the years in seven cycles of seven years. Every Rosh Hashonah we are to count the year, as the first or the second or the third and so forth, of the Sabbatical year, until we have reached seven Sabbatical years and come to the Jubilee Year. This counting was done by the great Beth-Din or the Sanhedrin. The counting was similar to that of the numbering of the days of the Omer. After the 49th year, the 50th year was sanctified and the land rested as it did in the Sabbatical year. Freedom was declared unto all servants,

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formed man in wisdom, and created in him many orifices and vessels. It is revealed and known before the throne of Thy glory, that if one of these be opened, or one of those be closed, it would be impossible to exist and to stand before Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who healest all flesh and doest wondrously." So also hath King David exclaimed in Psalm 134, Verse 14, "I thank Thee because I am wonderfully made."

All these marvelous emanations of nature point only in one direction. They testify to a Being Omniscient and Almighty,—to G-d.

L'AG B'OMER THURSDAY

On the 33rd day of the Omer (in Hebrew א'ל equal 33) the pestilence among Rabbi Akiba's disciples ceased. Thus it is called the "Scholar's Festival" and weddings and other festivities forbidden during the Seven Weeks of the S'fira may be celebrated that day.

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and all landed property returned to their original owners. The purpose of this commandment is to indicate that the Holy One, blessed be He, wanted to make known to His people that everything belongs to Him for we read, *כי לי הארץ* "For the Land belongs to me." He wanted the land to be returned periodically to whom He wished it to go originally. In this way a man would not desire another person's fields, and hesitate to rob him of same.

The laws of this commandment are that only after we have settled in Palestine and divided the Land are we supposed to count the years toward the Jubilee.

In the Hebrew Commonwealth both contracting parties are made to realize in their business transaction, that there is a Creator, the real owner of the land who is the third party to their transaction. This implies the recognition of religion not only in the house of worship, but in the house of business as well.

The Hebrew *ורושבים* should not be translated as "sojourners", but as "settlers" which is an antithesis to the preceding term of *גרים* "strangers." The Rabbis say that when the Jubilee laws were violated the Israelites became "strangers" and had to go into exile. But, if they had observed the Jubilee laws then they would have been permanent settlers in the land "as the days of heaven upon the earth."

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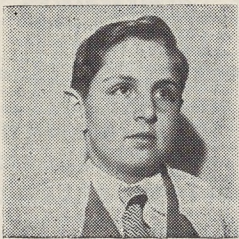
will take place at 11:15 A.M., at Washington Cemetery (Section 4).

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member,

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Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls

8-12) 3:30

Youth Study Circle

with Rabbi Reichel 5:30

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 6:55

Mr. Isaac Allan's Talmud Class

by Rabbi Reichel 6:55

Mincha Service 7:55

Reader of Torah: Donald Bergman

Reader of Service: Moses Gottlieb

The Sabbath Terminates 8:41

Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Minchâ 7:45

Followed by the Explanation of the

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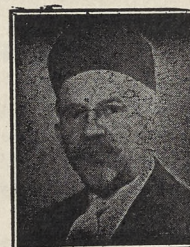
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