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RABBI REICHEL

will preach Saturday morning on

"Is The Galut Over?"

A JEWISH STATE . . .

A TORAH IDEAL

By Rabbi Gersion Appel

One of the infrequently stressed but vitally significant facets of the Zionist ideal is to be found in the religious and mystic literature of Judaism. There the return to the land of Israel is considered not merely as a political phenomenon but as the realization of a divine promise, the fulfillment of an inspired prophecy.

How does the Jew, to whom the Holy Land has a deeply religious meaning, envision Zion in its restored state? What shall be the spiritual contours of the Jewish State above and beyond the distinctly external, though necessary, political trappings?

During the course of Chief Rabbi Herzog's last visit in this country a number of years ago, the writer had the pleasure and privilege of spending a Sabbath afternoon with him. One thing stands out vividly in the Chief Rabbi's conversation. It is the profound faith expressed by him that ultimately Jewish life would reflect, in all vital aspects, the **"shilton ha-Torah,"** the rule and authority of the Torah. We may safely say that this expresses also the hope of virtually all of religious Jewry, regardless of current party divisions.

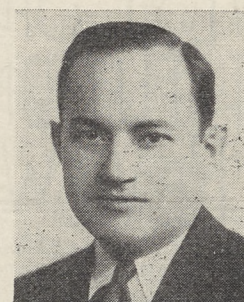
Our religious philosophy of Judaism comprises three mutually-complementary elements: The people of Israel, the Torah of Israel, and the Land of Israel. They are the very foundation of our faith and our conception of Jewish nationality. To deny their interdependence or the everlasting nature of any of the three, is to be blind to the reality of Jewish life, to be ignorant of the flow of Jewish history through the ages—in short, to deny Judaism. Maimonides in commenting upon the restoration of Zion, the coming of which constitutes one of his Thirteen Principles of Faith, states unequivocally "this is the heart of the matter: the Torah, its command-

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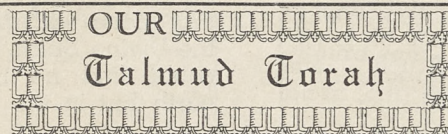
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Our youth of upper high school and college age are invited with their friends to attend the Saturday afternoon Study Circle in the Mishnah, tomorrow, at 5:30.

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Wire or write to President Truman

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- 2) Urge that the embargo against the shipment of arms to Palestine be lifted immediately.
- 3) Urge that Lend Lease aid be extended to the State of Israel, a democracy fighting outside aggression.

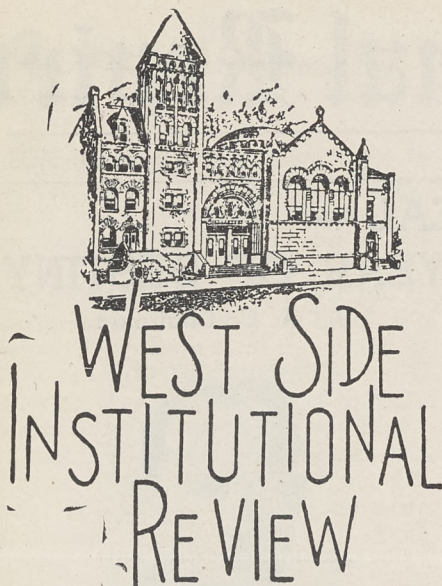


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O. A. R.



330th COMMENDMENT To Count the Years Up to the Jubilee Year By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein II

Through the Jubilee institution, houses and lands were kept from accumulating in the hands of the few, pauperism was prevented, and a race of independent freeholders assured. It represented such a rare and striking introduction of morals into economics, that many have been inclined to question whether this wonderful institution was ever in actual force. However, 'nothing is more certain than that the Jubilee was once for centuries a reality in the national life of Israel' (Ewald). Ezekiel speaks of its non-observance as one of the signs that 'the end is come' upon the nation for its misdoings; and he mentions the year of liberty, when a gift of land must return to the original owner. According to the Talmud, the law of the Jubilee was observed as long as the entire territory of the Holy

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Land was inhabited by Israelites. When a portion of the tribes went into exile, the law lapsed.

The permanent accumulation of land in the hands of a few was prevented, and those whom fault or misfortune had thrown into poverty were given a 'second chance.'

According to Scripture, 'the earth is the L—D's'; and all the land was, as it were, held from G-d on lease (v. 23). The Israelite who voluntarily or through some compulsion sold his land to another, sold not the ownership of the land, but the remainder of the lease—till the next year of Jubilee, when all the leases terminated simultaneously. The land then came back to his family, all contracts of sale to the contrary notwithstanding (Verinder). Heine, rightly remarks that the Torah does not aim at the impossible—the abolition of property, but at the moralization of property, striving to bring it into harmony with equity and the true law of Reason by means of the Jubilee-year. It is not the protection of property, but the protection of humanity, that is the aim of the Mosaic Code. Its Sabbath day and Sabbath year secure even to the lowliest, rest and leisure. With the blast of the jubilee trumpets the slave goes free, and a redivision of the land secures again to the poorest his fair share in the bounty of the common Creator' (Henry George).

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ments and its Laws, are eternal and everlasting," (Hilchoth Melachim).

To negate the status of Torah as a living force is to cut the ties with historical Judaism which constitute our only legitimate claim to the Holy Land. This is the eternal bond of holiness between Israel and the Holy Land of Israel. The Jew always felt that along with him was wandering the Divine Spirit which, even as he, could find no rest elsewhere on earth but in the Holy Land.

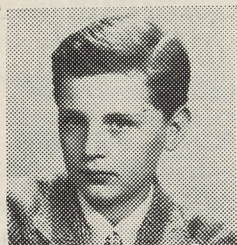
Living in distant lands the Jew felt that, spiritually, he was living but half a life. Wistfully he contemplated the many divine commandments, "mitzvoth hateluyoth b'artz," dependent for their observance upon life in the Holy Land. Always he cherished the dream to establish an ideal society based on the social and moral teachings of Israel as embodied in the Torah. It was a dream made the more vivid and poignant by the darkness of a world civilization whose moral lights

and spiritual beacons were all but extinguished.

These were the spiritual motivations in the past and they remain such today. The religious Jew looks forward to the emergence of a creative spirit that will bring into actuality the Jewish principles of social justice and and genuine concern for human welfare, that will give clear and vital meaning to Jewish traditions and festivals.

A Jewish State will of necessity give vital, living urgency to the great body of Jewish law that has lain dormant these long years of the exile. Jewish civil and criminal law will have to be reviewed and its principles reapplied to meet the needs of a modern, thriving, sovereign community in Eretz Israel. A dynamic society will demand and effect the translation of our traditions and Torah principles into modern concepts, crystallizing and bringing into bold relief the eternally progressive elements of Judaism.

TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Henry Malter

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Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Chazan: Eli Pretner

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls 8-12) 3:30

Youth Study Circle with Rabbi Reichel 5:30

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 7:00

Mr. Isaac Allan's Talmud Class 7:00

Mincha Service 8:00

Reader of Torah: Michael Silberman

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath Terminates 8:48

Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

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

Mincha 7:50

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Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Our Synagogue was host to out-of-town delegates to the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America Convention this past week-end. Among our guests was Rabbi Emanuel Lifschitz, whom we were glad to welcome. The Convention sermon was delivered by Rabbi Abraham I. Rosenberg of Savannah, Georgia. . . . We were happy to welcome at our services Sam Lieberman, Herbert Rudnick and Jack Wolf . . . and Joe Tilem who is back in our midst after seeing the world, as well as Philip Gertner and Pin-kus Wassertheil, after their recent illnesses. . . Doris Linker is much lighter now that her tonsils have been removed. . . We wish a speedy recovery to our young friend and budding Chazan, Herman E. Gold. . . Glad to hear that Mrs. S. M. Drukker has recovered from her recent illness. . . It was good to hear from Charlie Cohen who was passing through Texas. . . Mrs. O. Asher Reichel was elected vice-president of the Young Israel Chapter of Hunter College. . . Happy Birthday Greetings to John D. Garrett, Herman E. Gold, Renee Kaufman, Mrs. Irving Kobrin, Louis Landowne, Leisha Langer, and Robert Milton Oshrin. . . Anniversary Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan E. Chase, Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Gershweir, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz, and Mr. and Mrs. Saul J. Beck. . . It makes us feel good to read what one of our congregants recently wrote to our Rabbi: "I wish to take this opportunity to tell you how very much I enjoy being from time to time a guest at your synagogue, and to thank you that your services enable me to spend a few peaceful hours in these hectic times."

. . . . Felicitations to Director and Mrs. Samuel Silver upon the birth of a grandson—and to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Greer. . . . Congratulations to Director and Mrs. Goldman upon the engagement of their son, Morris, to Phyllis Weeden. . . . Ditto to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Markowitz upon the engagement of their daughter, Jeanine, to Bernard A. Kornblum. . . . Dr. Frank Fink, our Scoutmaster, informs us that we have openings for Scout Leaders and Committeemen . . . also that our scouts need large cooking utensils and frying pans. . . If our readers can be of service, kindly contact Dr. Fink. . . We are anxious to know all the names of the June graduates in the W.S.I.S. family. Please notify us immediately. Flash . . . As we go to print we learn that Harold Udell, son of our president and Mrs. Lester Udell, is engaged to Shirley Feld.

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