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FAITH

By Maxine Udell

Faith is something that none of us are able to understand completely. It is a belief in a power or supreme force. Faith can be compared in a way to G-d.

What is G-d? It is a name given to a power, something that we are not able to explain and yet it rules our whole existence. Some of us say we have no belief, no faith in G-d. We say that moral principles can be the basis of our existence. But think what brought our moral principles into being, what gave us the need to develop a set of principles to live by.

Our principles were founded as a result of our insecurity, a fear of as well as a reverence for the unknown. In this feeling of inadequacy at not being able to cope with yourself or the things about you, what do you do? You try to set for yourself something concrete, something that will make this feeling of insecurity disappear. It is my opinion that from these standards religion sprang.

People ask why we use ceremony, why we deprive ourselves of certain privileges. Our answer is, "Why did we build up these standards in the first place?" It is important to elevate that which we believe in or else it will have no meaning and the old sense of inadequacy will again return.

Today we are living in a world of strife and terror and if we ourselves are not strong enough to uphold our principles, if we have no reinforcement in something greater than ourselves, then we are doomed to defeat. But if we can really achieve that inner strength, then there is some hope that we may survive.

From the Calhounder.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Nov. 19 — 12:30

Membership Luncheon at the Esplanade
Admission: Paid up membership dues.

Mrs. Frank Taks, Chairman.
EN. 2-4687

Monday, Dec. 10 — 12 o'clock

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TR. 4-5068

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TR. 7-1260

Women's League News

Review of Current Plays

Get-Acquainted Luncheon Afternoon of November 5th

All the women of our congregation and their friends are cordially invited to be the guests of our Women's League at a Get-Acquainted Luncheon which will be held at our building on Monday afternoon, November 5th at 12:30 o'clock.

As the program of the Open Meeting, which is to follow the luncheon, our Program Chairman, Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, has succeeded in procuring Mrs. Helen B. Wolff to review a number of current plays for us.

Mrs. Wolff is an experienced literary and theatrical authority, who has charmed her audiences with an up-to-the-minute interpretation of what is best to read and to see.

A treat is in store for all those who attend.

OUR RABBI TO BE HONORED

The Beth Medrash Gavoah of Lakewood, New Jersey, the capstone of institutions of Jewish learning, has selected our Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein to be the guest of honor at the forthcoming dinner at the Hotel McAlpin on Tuesday night, November 13. We trust that there will be a host of the Rabbi's friends as well as the well-wishers of this unique institution present at the affair. Our own President, Mr. Lester Udell, is chairman of the Dinner Committee. Let us all encourage Mr. Udell in the yeoman service in the realm of Jewish education.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

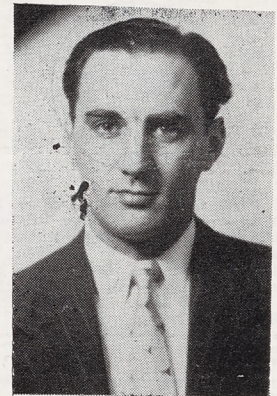
Due to the Election Day holiday on Nov. 6 the Mens Club meeting for that night is cancelled and in its stead Mr. Frank L. Taks, its President is calling a special meeting for Wednesday November 7 at 8:30 P.M.

Mr. Taks is also extending an invitation to all newcomers into our neighborhood who worshipped with us during the High Holidays to come and acquaint themselves with the work of the Mens Club.

Refreshments and Social Hour will follow the meeting.

W.S.I.S. League Notes

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES INVITED TO JOIN WSIS LEAGUE EVENT SATURDAY NIGHT



Dr. Jacob Rothschild

Folk dancing under the direction of a professional leader will be the opening number on the program of the WSIS League this Saturday night November 3 at 8:30 o'clock in the Social Hall.

And preceeding a delicious midnight snack, we shall have as our guest speaker Dr. Jacob Rothschild, a clinical psychologist who will lead a discussion on "Parent-Child Relationships". Dr. Rothschild is connected with several local hospitals and clinics.

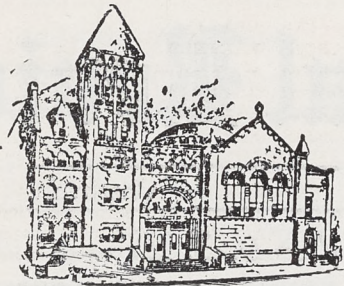
A nominal charge for the evening has been set at \$3.

Young married couples in our congregational family are cordially invited to participate in this first big event of the season of the WSIS League.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE W.S.I.S. HOMES IN ISRAEL

We are grateful for the generous response of our many friends in answer to Rabbi Goldstein's and our President Lester Udell's appeal on Shemini Atzeres for W.S.I.S. Homes for Children in Israel. We are sure that those who were absent will be happy to send in their contribution to our own Congregational project in Israel.

The names of those who have sent in their contributions will appear in the next issue of the "Review."



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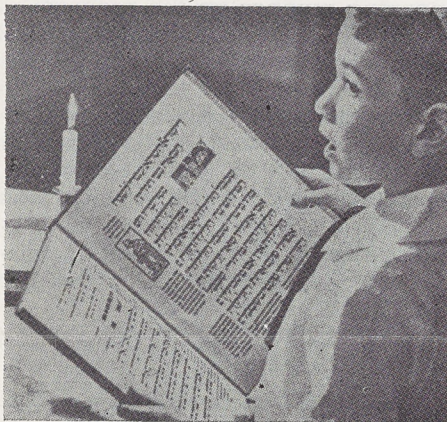


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"AS
 R'CHASH
 SEES
 IT"

447th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS
"Not To Eat Of The Meat Of The Burnt Offering"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

No one was to eat anything of the burnt offering, as it is said in Deuteronomy, Chapter 12, verse 17, "Thou mayest not eat within thy gates . . . of the firstling of thy herd, or thy flock, or any of thy vows which thou vowest." Tradition has it that "thy vows" refers to the burnt offering. One was not permitted to eat of the burnt offering either before or after the sprinkling of the blood, or from within or without the walls of the Temple.

The burnt offering had to be completely burnt.

This prohibition prevails at all places and at all times, and refers to males and females.

448th COMMANDMENT
"Not To Eat Holy Offerings Of A Minor Degree Of Holiness Before The Sprinkling Of The Blood"

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING OF JOINING A GROUP IN OUR LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE?

Sessions Have Just Begun — We Have A Class For You

It is our fervent hope that each and every one of our members and worshippers will pause to think about joining one of the Hebrew courses and cultural groups for adults in our Laymen's Institute. The season has just begun. Why not start this week? Come with your family and friends. Please note that we have four levels of adult Hebrew classes, including beginners and elementary conversational Hebrew.

SCHEDULE OF COURSES:

Monday Nights 7:30

- A. Beginners Hebrew
 For adults who cannot read or understand the Hebrew Language.
- B. Elementary Hebrew
 For adults who can read but cannot understand the language.
- C. Intermediate Hebrew
 For adults who have an elementary knowledge of the language.
- D. Advanced Hebrew

We are bidden not to eat any part of the meat of Holy offerings even of a minor degree of Holiness, before the sprinkling of the blood. Holy offerings of a minor degree are the thanksgiving offering of individuals, the offering of the Nazrite, the peace offerings, the first born of beasts, the tithe of cattle and the Pascal Lamb. Concerning these it is said in Deuteronomy, Chapter 12, verse 17, "Thou mayest not eat within thy gates . . . the firstlings of thy herd, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest nor thy free will offerings," as we have said before, the "vows" refer to the burnt offerings". However, and "thy free will offerings" refers to all the offerings that were Holy in a minor degree, which we have just mentioned.

We may not eat of the thanksgiving or the peace offering before the sprinkling of the blood. This is the basis for our law not to eat before we pray in the morning. We read

לא תאכלו על הדם
 לא תאכלו לפני שאתם מתפללים על דמכם

which means, "thou shalt not eat before you have Prayed for your blood." First comes the soul and then the body. Therefore it was forbidden to give the body food before we pray. If we do so, we have trespassed this negative commandment.

This prohibition prevailed at all places and at all times, and refers to males and females.

For adults who can speak and read the language.

Tuesday Mornings (11:00 to 12:00)

Elementary Hebrew for women who have some acquaintance with the language.

Tuesday nights (8:00 to 10:00)

Professor Hoening's lectures on Jewish History and Customs and Ceremonies.

Saturday Afternoon - TALMUD

(See weekly prayer schedules on page 3.)

For further information regarding our Adult Courses, you may contact our Registrar, Rabbi Reichel.

PLEASE RESERVE NOVEMBER 25

The Jewish Community School will hold its annual dinner on Sunday Night, November 25, at the Ambassador Hotel. Reservations for the dinner may be made through our own 2nd Vice President, Mr. Samuel W. Siegel, who is the president of the school.

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A PERSONAL REQUEST TO OUR MEMBERS

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13 to 15		
16 to 19		
over 19		
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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:32
Weekly Portion: Noah
Genesis 6:9 - 11:32
Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5.
Friday Evening Service4:45
Saturday Morning Services9:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children 4 to 610:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:10
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:10
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:30
Mincha Service4:10
Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter
Reader of Service: Bernard Israel
Followed by Seudah Shlishis
The Sabbath Terminates 5:20
Daily Services:
Mornings6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha4:45
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein
This Week's Bible Readings:
Psalms 21 to 27

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Getting Personal

By Sanford Solarz

Now that the holiday festivals are over, it is our earnest hope that all our members and friends will actively participate if not in all, at least in some of our multitudinous religious, cultural, and social activities . . . Our last Shabbos services were distinguished by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reitman, close friends of our Director Max Moskowitz, who recently arrived from Tel Aviv, and Irving Bunim, one of the foremost orthodox laymen of our country . . . We were also happy to see at services Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Settel, Mr. David Wartel, cousin of our beloved first Vice President, Aaron "Pop" Wartel, and Mrs. Annie Mirken . . . We are certain that Mrs. William B. Herlands will distinguish herself as the representative of Orthodox Jewry on the Committee of "Religion in American Life," an organization dedicated to the task of encouraging people of all faiths to attend their respective houses of worship . . . Apparently offenders of the law will breathe easier now that Morris Goldman, son of our Director and Mrs. Isaac Goldman, has resigned as Assistant District Attorney of New York County in order to practice law privately . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Director G. Richard Rubenstein as well as to Mr. Louis Davis . . . Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Henry L. Rosen and Mildred Siegel upon their recent **marriage**, and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock upon the **birth** of a son to their children Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sahn . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Segerman, and Mr. and Mrs. Solomon M. Strausberg . . . and many happy returns on their **Birthday** to Mrs. Samuel Beier, David A. Buchsbaum, Jules S. Henry Kaufman, Nathan Kirsh, Mrs. Seymour Silberstein, and Sanford Solarz.

Mazel Tov to Director and Mrs. Irving Streit upon the birth of a son, Alan Michael, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Adler . . . All good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kantrowitz in their new home.

Felicitations and all good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wiener upon the engagement of their son, Lynton to Miss Joan Safir of Mt. Vernon.

Youth Activities

SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD BY MIDTOWN JEWISH COLLEGIATE

All college young men and young women of our neighborhood are invited to another cultural and social function of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council, to take place at the Congregation Ohab Zedek, 124 W. 95 Street, on Friday night November 2 at 8:15 o'clock.

This session will be in the form of a symposium of which the panel members will be the college people of the W.S.I.S., Jewish Center, and Congregation Ohab Zedek. The Topic will be "College Youth Looks at the Synagogue".

Refreshments and Social Hour will follow the meeting.

The young men of the Council will have the Gym facilities of the Jewish Center made available to them on Sunday afternoons. For further information regarding athletics or any of the other social and recreational functions of the Council please follow the announcements in the Midtown Jewish Collegiate "Newsletter", which is published by the Council.

GOOD NEWS FOR BASKETBALL ENTHUSIASTS

We take pleasure in announcing that the Gymnasium of the Jewish Center will be made available to our Intermediate boys group on alternating Sundays beginning with Sunday Nov. 4, from 2 to 3:30 P.M.

Boys and girls of the age of 16 may join the Junior League by attending a meeting this Saturday at 6:00 P.M.

For information regarding this group or any of the other clubs, please call the Youth Department at TR 7-8281.

STAMP CLUB NEWS

Beginning with this Monday night, November 5, at 7:30 o'clock, the Stamp Club will meet on alternate Monday evenings. Mr. Alexander Kirsh, its leader, welcomes all philatelists to join the club.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into our Synagogue the following new members and their families:

Joseph Baer, Julius Dorfman, Bernard Finkelstein, Irwin P. Labadorf, Leon P. Pienick, Samuel B. Tesler, Richard Vogel.

GOOD NEWS FOR BOYS WHO HAVE BEEN BAR MITZVAH

Bar Mitzvah boys of the local Synagogues, Congregation Ohab Zedek, the Jewish Center, and the W.S.I.S. are eligible to join the Midtown "TAG" Fraternity. The major activities of the group will include basketball sessions on Sunday mornings in the gym of the Jewish Center as well as group outings and special events. Preceding the basketball gym sessions the boys will meet at their respective Synagogues at 10:30 o'clock on Sundays for a short popular class in Jewish Classics.

This Fraternity will be under the guidance of the principals of the participating Synagogues.

Don't forget the first meeting Sunday morning November 4, at 10:30 o'clock at the WSIS. Following the class the boys will proceed in a body to the Jewish Center gym.

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

Our pupils will join the other local religious schools in the Jewish Center gym on Sunday afternoons at one o'clock, for athletic programs. This project is sponsored by the Committee on Jewish Education of the West Side.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

The Intermediate girls group (15 years and over) is making continued progress at its meetings. As temporary Chairman Dianne Hirsch was elected. The first major activity of the group will be a "Barn Dance" to be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 8:00 P.M. in the Social Hall.

AIR WARDEN SERVICE

It has been brought to our attention that the membership in the local Air Warden Service is way below the minimum of 200. Volunteers are urged to join this important community project by enrolling as members, at the local headquarters, at the Manhattan Towers Hotel from Monday through Thursday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Joseph Friedman upon the loss of her father, and to Mr. Leopold Oppenheim upon the passing of his brother Dr. Herman Oppenheim.