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CANTOR YAVNEH'S CONCERT THIS SUNDAY NIGHT



Cantor Yavneh

Our popular Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will hold his annual concert at the Synagogue this Sunday, February 3, at 8:00 P.M. He will be assisted by the renowned choir of Samuel Sterner.

All friends and admirers of Cantor Yavneh are invited to attend this event. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will extend greetings.

Those who have not purchased their tickets yet may do so, this Sunday, before the concert.

P.T.A. MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Plans for the annual Purim Carnival which is sponsored by our P.T.A., will be formulated at a meeting of the Organization this Wednesday night.

This evening will afford our parents an opportunity to meet with their childrens' teachers socially, and to discuss with them their mutual problems as they relate to the school and the home.

COMMUNITY SEDORIM

We are happy to announce that our Board of Directors has authorized a committee of which Mr. Samuel Silver is chairman, to arrange for community Sedorim. Our own Rabbi Goldstein assisted by Rabbi Reichel and Cantor Yavneh will officiate. Further details will soon be announced.

(Adapted from the book "Man Does Not Stand Alone".

SEVEN REASONS WHY A SCIENTIST BELIEVES IN G-D

By A. Cressy Morris,

Former President of the
New York Academy of Sciences.

We are still in the dawn of the scientific age and every increase of light, reveals more brightly the handwork of an intelligent Creator. In the 90 years since Darwin we have made stupendous discoveries; with a spirit of scientific humility and of faith grounded in knowledge, we are approaching even nearer to an awareness of G-d.

For myself. I count seven reasons for my faith:

First: By unwavering mathematical law we can prove that our universe was designed and executed by a great engineering intelligence.

Suppose you put the pennies, marked from one of ten, into your pocket and give them a good shuffle. Now try to take them out in sequence from one to ten, putting back the coin each time and shaking them all again. Mathematically we know that your chance of first drawing number one is one to ten; of drawing one and two in succession, one to 100; of drawing one, two, and three in succession, one in a thousand, and so on; your chance of drawing them all, from number one to number ten in succession, would reach the unbelievable figure of one chance in ten billion.

By the same reasoning, so many exacting conditions are necessary for life on the earth that they could not possibly exist in proper relationship by chance. The earth rotates on its axis one thousand miles an hour; if it turned at one hundred miles an hour, our days and nights would be ten times as long as now, and the hot sun would then burn up our vegetation each long day while in the long night any surviving sprout would freeze.

Again, the sun, source of our life, has a surface temperature of 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and our earth is just far enough away so that this

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WELCOME BACK



Mrs. Harry Ward

We are all happy to welcome back into our midst the beloved President of our Women's League, Mrs. Harry Ward, after her long enforced absence, due to an accident. We wish her perfect good health.

MENS CLUB MEETING THIS MONDAY NIGHT

The next regular meeting of the Men's Club will take place this Monday night Feb. 4 at 8:30 P.M. Among the topics to be discussed will be:

- A) Men's Club Sabbath on Feb. 16.
- B) Purim Party in conjunction with the Women's League on Sat. night March 8.
- C) Members get-together party on March 31.

All members are requested to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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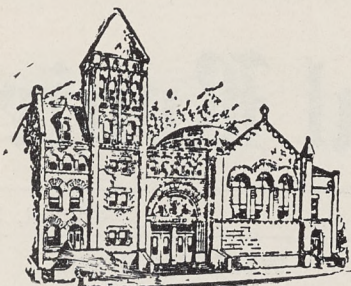
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Seven Reasons Why A Scientist Believes In G-d

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"eternal fire" warms us just enough and not too much! If the sun gave off only one half its present radiation, we would freeze and if it gave half as much more, we would roast.

The slant of the earth, tilted at an angle of 23 degrees, gives us our seasons. If it had not been so tilted, vapors from the ocean would move north and south, piling up for us continents of ice. If our moon was, say, only 50,000 miles away instead of its actual distance, our tides would be so enormous that twice a day all continents would be submerged. Even the mountains would soon be eroded away. If the crust of the earth had been only ten feet thicker there would be no oxygen, without which animal life must die. Had the ocean been a few feet deeper, carbon dioxide and oxygen would have been absorbed and no vegetable life could exist. Or if our atmosphere had been much thinner, some of the meteors, now burned in space by the millions every day, would be striking all parts of the earth, setting fires everywhere.

Because of these and a host of other examples, there is not one chance in millions that life on our planet is an accident.

(To Be Continued)



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472nd OF THE 612 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS "Not To Eat Of The Flesh Of Cattle, Breast, Or Fowl That Died Of Themselves"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

I.

We are not to eat of any flesh of beast, fowl that died of themselves, concerning this, we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 14, verse 21, "Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of themselves. Thou mayest giveth unto the stranger that is within thy gates that he may eat, or thou mayest sell it unto an alien, for thou art a holy people unto the L-rd thy G-d". This of course refers to נבלה (Nevehlaw). There are two terms in regard to the dietary laws, (1) נבלה and (2) טרפה (Trefa) (Nevehlaw) means the carcass of an animal which has not been slaughtered according to the method of Shechita." It also includes an animal which dies a natural death, or one which has been put to death by shooting. That carcass which we may give to the stranger, may only be the one that the stranger can eat, namely it should not be odorous.

As to a carcass which is not fitting for the stranger to eat, namely, an odorous one, there is no law, however, against the eating of it. From this our Sages have derived the law concerning נותן טעם לפנים which "means that which gives a taste

which makes the food not edible"; but the food is permitted. This is the basis of our kashering of vessels that are more than a day old. Although the hot water that is used to "kasher" the vessel is rarely if ever 60 times the amount of the vessel, nevertheless, this method of kashering is permitted because whatever is in the wall of the vessel became נותן טעם לפנים "decayed" and the kashering with hot water removes the נותן טעם לפנים which is in the walls of the vessel.

This prohibition refers to all places and at all times. It refers to male or female. One who ate of the animal that died of itself, the size of an olive, or without being slaughtered properly, received stripes. The chief reason for the dietary laws as given in the Bible, is "For thou art a holy people unto the L-rd."

We note here that the Bible gives a spiritual reason for the dietary laws, namely, — "That ye be holy". The dietary laws represent one of the greatest ennobling, spiritual contributions of Judaism. These laws were intended to serve a two-fold spiritual purpose — first as a lesson in restraint and second, to make us a peace-loving people.

First, as to spiritual restraint, Maimonides, in his commentary on the "Ethics of the Fathers" (quoting a Talmudic prescription), tells us, "Do not say in regard to forbidden food, Oh, I cannot eat this forbidden food. It goes against me. Rather say, I would live to eat the forbidden food, but the law forbids me to do so." What a marvellous training in self-restraint. This training comes in good stead when we have to make decisions with regard to right and wrong. The Jew who observes the dietary laws goes through a daily practice in self-restraint to equip him with the power to abstain from the spiritually forbidden in life.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 2

Oneg Shabbas (Boys)3:00 P.M.
Oneg Shabbos (Girls)3:45 P.M.
Game Room8:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 3

Seminar in Jewish Studies for Post Bar Mitzvah boys10:15 A.M.
"Gem" girls over 1411:00 A.M.
"Tags" Post Bar Mitzvah Frat.

Gym11:45 A.M.
Macabees (Boys over 12) Gym1:00 P.M.
Game Room8:00 P.M.

Monday, Feb. 4

Macabees Boys over 127:30 P.M.
Stamp Club for young and old7:30 P.M.
Game Room7:30 P.M.

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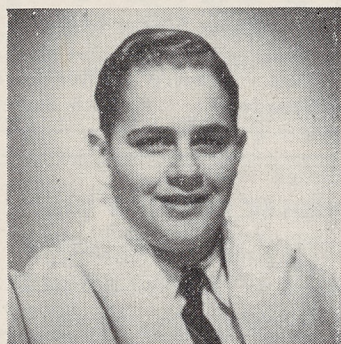
Tuesday, Feb. 5

Cub Pack No. 5307:30 P.M.
Intermediate (Boys over 16)7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Scout Troop No. 5307:30 P.M.
Game Room7:30 P.M.

BAR MIZVAH



John P. Schupf

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Schupf upon the forthcoming Bar Mizvah of their son, John Peter, which will be held in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

Mazel Tov also to the grandparents, Mr. Nathan Schupf, and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Beller.

"YOUNG MOTHERS"

Do You Know Of Our Sabbath Morning Sitter's Service? . . . and about our Daily Nursery School and Kindergarten?

Every Saturday morning, at 10:30 o'clock until services are over, we have arranged for a "sitter" in our kindergarten room, for children four to six years of age, so that the mothers may be able to attend the Sabbath Services.

And while we are on the subject, every young mother is cordially invited to visit our Daily Morning Nursery or our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten and register her little ones there. We are happy to announce that our Kindergartens are licensed by the Department of Health-Day Care Unit.

PURIM PARTY SAT. MARCH 8

The Women's League and Men's Club will join hands in the sponsoring of a Purim Party to be held Saturday night March 8. Further details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Review.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	4:52
Weekly Portion: "Boh"	
Friday Evening Service	5:00
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten	
for Children 4 to 6	10:30
Rabbi Reichel's Class	
for Young People	3:40
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	3:20
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	3:20
Mincha Service	4:20
Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward	
Reader of Service: Judah Gottlieb	
The Sabbath Terminates	5:40
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30
Sunday	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:00
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	
This Week's Bible Readings	
Psalms 90 to 96	

OUR PRAYER BOOK

The second lecture on "Getting Acquainted with Our Prayer Book", by Rabbi Reichel, will deal with the structure of our formal prayers, their background and meaning. Our readers are urged to reserve Wednesday night February 13 for an informative and inspirational evening.

DR. H. L. GORDON

TO ADDRESS COLLEGIATE FORUM

This Friday, February 1st, at 8:30 o'clock, Dr. Hersch L. Gordon will address the Forum of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council, at the Jewish Center Auditorium, 131 West 86 Street. His topic will be, "The Psychology of Freud and Jung in the Light of Judaism."

Dr. Gordon, Psychiatric Consultant at the Metropolitan Hospital of N.Y.C., was formerly commander of the U.S. Public Health Service in charge of Neuro-Psychosis, and a U.S. Army major. He is the author of the recently published book, "The Maggid of Caro",—a psychological biography of the author of Shulchan Aruch.

The following Friday night, February 8, there will be a Round-Table Discussion at the W.S.I.S., on "Jewish Life on the College Campus".

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

We are always happy to receive criticism of this column if only because it proves that it is being read. The other day one of our Directors made the comment to us that he thinks this column is "good but sometimes dry", which is reminiscent of the advice a not-too-literate Cuban scout once wired to John J. McGraw, the Giants Baseball Team, concerning the prospects of an aspiring rookie: "Good fielder, no hit". Anyway, the criticism indicates some improvement. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Levine for the honors to be bestowed upon them by the Kew Garden's Synagogue, Adath Jeshurun, in recognition of their leadership in helping to found the Synagogue, and for their devoted services to it.

Happy vacation time in Florida to Mrs. Dora Schlegman and her son, Alfred's, family . . . Best wishes to Mrs. Mel Scher upon her election as Secretary of the W.S.I.S. League, the social organization of our young married couples . . . Glad to see Morty Morris at Services . . . Our heartiest congregational welcome to our new members, Maurice Kalker, Jacques W. Lourie, and Dr. Louis Wexler . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Max Freudman upon the birth of a daughter to their children Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Freudman . . . She was named Ruth Sonya . . . Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Max Pretner upon the betrothal of their daughter, Mildred to Mr. Karol Chaplin . . . Wedding Anniversary Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spanbock . . . Many happy returns of their Birthday to Mrs. Rebecca Becker, Carol Ann Bernstein, Jay M. Cohen, Ronnie Gail Cohen, Buddy Diamond, Mrs. Isidore Ehrman, Linda, Fran Levine, Seymour Silberstein, and Richard Udell Weinstein . . . Thanks to our own Hilda Goodman for her lovely thought as well as her generosity in presenting the Women's League of the W.S.I.S. with attractive personalized napkins to use at its function . . . The name of Mrs. Walter Freeman was inadvertently omitted from the list of hostesses who helped to make the Women's League Luncheon and Afternoon of Games last week the social and financial success it certainly was.

We are happy to learn that Ruth Kessler Toch daughter of our member Henry L. Kessler an Assistant-Attorney General of the State of N.Y. was a speaker before the State Bar Association at its meeting in this city last week.

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