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(Continued from last week)

SEVEN REASONS WHY A SCIENTIST BELIEVES IN G-D

By A. Cressy Morris,

Second: Animal wisdom speaks irresistibly of a good Creator who infused instinct into otherwise helpless little creatures.

The young salmon spends years at sea, then comes back to his own river, and travels up the very side of the river into which flows the tributary where he was born. What brings him back so precisely? If you transfer him to another tributary he will know at once that he is off his course and fight his way down and back to the main stream and turn up against the current to finish his destiny accurately.

Even more difficult to solve is the mystery of eels. These amazing creatures migrate at maturity from all ponds and rivers everywhere—those from Europe across thousands of miles of ocean—all bound for the same abysmal deeps near Bermuda. There they breed and die. The little ones, with no apparent means of knowing anything except that they are in a wilderness of water, nevertheless start back and find their way not only to the very shore from which their parents came but thence to the rivers, lakes or little ponds—so that each body of water is always populated with eels. No American eel has ever been caught in Europe, no European eel in American waters. Nature has even delayed the maturity of the European eel by a year or more to make up for its longer journey.

A wasp will overpower a grasshopper, dig a hole in the earth, sting the grasshopper in exactly the right place so that he does not die but becomes unconscious and lives on as a form of preserved meat. Then the wasp will lay her eggs handily so that her children when they hatch can nibble without killing the insect on which they feed; to them dead meat would be fatal. The mother then flies away and dies; she never sees her young. Such mysterious techniques cannot be explained by adaptation; they were bestowed.

OUR THEATRE PARTY "THREE WISHES FOR JAMIE" MARK HELLINGER THEATRE, — MARCH 18, 1952



Herman H. Cohen



Joseph Settel

Co-Chairmen, Theatre Committee

CHAMISHA ASAR B'SHVAT

On Monday Feb. 11, Jews throughout the world will celebrate the Chamisha Asar B'shvat Festival (15th day of Shvat) which is the Jewish Arbor Day.

In the Talmud, we find this day referred to as Rosh Hashona L'Ilanos (New Year of the Trees). As the fate of the humans is decided on Rosh Hashona, so too is the fate of the trees and vegetation decided upon by G-d on Chamisha Asar B'Shvat.

Especially in Israel in this day observed in a most impressive manner. Throughout the land, new trees are planted. The school children, particularly, attired in white clothing and crowned with wreaths of flowers go forth into the wide open fields rejoicing over the planting of the trees with song and dance.

In the countries outside of Israel, the day is observed by the eating of fruit products for which the Holy Land is noted, namely; dates, olives, figs, pomegranates, grapes, almonds and carobs or "bokser". We thereby thank G-d for sustaining us to this day to have the privilege of partaking of the products of the Holy Land.

It is also customary for the Jews in the Diaspora to contribute to funds whose monies are used for the purpose of planting trees in Israel.

Our annual Theatre Party is scheduled to take place on March 18, 1952 at the Mark Hellinger Theatre, Broadway at 51st Street.

A new musical, "Three Wishes For Jamie", for which Ralph Blane supplied the music and lyrics, will be the attraction. The master craftsman, Abe Burrows, who is responsible for many hits including our success of last year, "Guys & Dolls", is directing the production.

Anne Jefferys, Charlotte Rae, John Raitt, Cecil Kellaway, Robert Halliday, Ralph Morgan and Malcolm Keen will appear in the cast. Tickets are priced from \$4 to \$25. each.

We hope each one of our readers will participate in this event and dispose of as many tickets as possible.

Make your reservations at once for choice seats.

THEATRE COMMITTEE

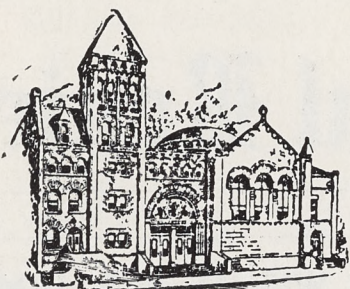
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A Letter Of Special Interest To Parents and Grandparents of Boys and Girls 3 to 6 Who Are Looking For a Daily Kindergarten in Our Community

City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
125 Worth Street
New York 13, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Reichel:

The enclosed permit has been issued to the West Side Institutional Synagogue Religious School, 122 West 76 Street, for a period of two years by the Commissioner of Health, since your agency has met the regulations of Section 198 of the Sanitary Code.

This permit is granted with the understanding that there will at all times be a teacher fully qualified in Early Childhood Education in charge of both the morning and afternoon groups.

Each such permit indicates further gains in a sustained effort to maintain good standards for the children of our city.

Sincerely yours,
Cornelia Goldsmith, Chief
Division of Day Care and Foster
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472 OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS "Not To Eat Of The Flesh Of Cat- tle, Beast, Or Fowl That Died Of Themselves"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

II

The second and more surprising feature of the dietary laws is that they are largely responsible for the peace-lovingness of the Jew. We are first of all bidden in the Bible not to drink blood. We are commanded to eat only of the herbivorous animals, the animals which feed on grass, herbs and vegetables; and we are forbidden to eat of the carnivorous, the blood thirsty ones, which feed on other animals. Thus we have been made free from the thirst for blood. Therefore, there runs through our veins a veritable passion for peace. This is evidenced in every section of our daily prayers. The grace after meals closes with a prayer for peace. Every Amidah closes with an invocation for peace. Every service in the synagogue, morning, afternoon or evening; daily, Sabbath or holiday, closes with the Kaddish, which in turn is always concluded with a prayer for peace. The prayer for peace, is the dominant note struck by the Jew throughout his career.

Whilst it may be true that there

are some of us today, who do not observe the dietary laws and nevertheless have a passion for peace, let me say that our genius in this direction may be due to the fact that there is coursing through our veins the blood of some pious grandmother, or of some sturdy grandfather, who made every possible sacrifice to keep the dietary laws. Blood will tell—blood always tells, or as Oliver Wendell Holmes, our own American Poet and essayist put it; "Every man is an omnibus in which all of his ancestors are seated."

There are some, however, who think of these laws merely as hygienic. Whilst this must necessarily be so, for the "Lord is our physician" as we read, **כי אני ה' רופאיך** "For I, the L-rd am thy physician," and any diet laws which He prescribes must be for the health, of those who live by them, yet nowhere in the Bible do we find health given as a reason for the observance of these laws. The Bible sums it all up in the following words, "Ye shall therefore consecrate yourselves and ye shall be holy." (Leviticus, 11-44). The reasons given are apparently only on spiritual grounds, consecrating us firstly, by creating the power of restraint, and secondly, by making Israel's mission that of peace.

Science, of course, endorses these laws. But the word of G-d does not need the endorsement of science. The scientific endorsement of the dietary laws is very gratifying to the Jew. Its importance lies only in the fact that it is another evidence to the world of the wisdom of the Torah.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 9

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

Sunday, Feb. 10

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.
Gym for Intermediates (Boys)1:00 P.M.
Game Room8:00 P.M.

Monday, Feb. 11

Macabees Boys over 127:30 P.M.

Game Room7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

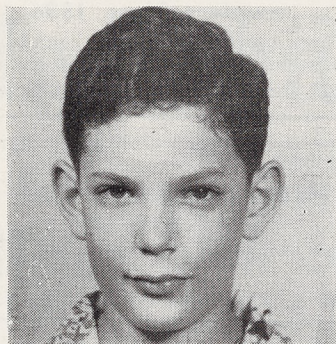
Cub Pack No. 5307:30 P.M.
Intermediate (Boys over 16)7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

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

MENS CLUB SABBATH FEBRUARY 16th

Next Saturday, February 16th, will be observed as Men's Club Sabbath in our Synagogue. Isidore Lauer will conduct the services and Irving Silver will deliver the sermon.

BAR MITZVAH**Leon Moses Meyers**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meyers upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Leon Moses which will be held in our Synagogue tomorrow morning. Mazel Tov also to the grandparents Mr. Abraham Meyers and Mrs. Leon M. Waldman.

**MRS. SAUL BERGMAN
TO BE HOSTESS**

On Monday afternoon, February 11th, 1952 at 12:30 o'clock sharp, Mrs. Saul Bergman will be hostess to the entire Executive Board of our Women's League at a Dessert Luncheon which will be held at her home.

An important meeting of the Board will follow the Luncheon and all its members are urged to come promptly.

IT'S LATE BUT NOT TOO LATE

If your children would like to know about the forthcoming Purim and Passover holidays, here's your great opportunity.

In addition to a group of six and seven year olds, we have a class for eight and nine year olds and another beginners' class for youngsters over nine years of age.

Rabbi Reichel will be glad to see to it that the late comers will be given an opportunity to catch up with the other children.

Condolences

The President and Board of Directors extend their sincerest sympathy to our devoted Treasurer, Samuel Silver, upon the loss of his dear wife, IDA.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	5:01
Weekly Portion: B'Shahlach	
Friday Evening Service	5:10
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	3:45
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	3:30
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	3:30
Mincha Service	4:30
Reader of Torah: Bernard Levmore Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh	
The Sabbath Terminates	5:49

Daily Services

Mornings	6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30
Sunday and Tuesday	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:10
This Week's Bible Reading Psalms 97 to 103	

**SEMINAR ON PRAYER BOOK
THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

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.

**COLLEGIATES ROUND TABLE
DISCUSSION—FRIDAY NIGHT**

The Collegiates themselves will lead the Discussion on "Jewish Life on the College Campus" this Friday night, February 8th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Club Room.

Out-of-townners, as well as local college students, will participate. Representing the W.S.I.S. will be Bernard Israel (Columbia University), Judy Neustadter (New York University), David Silver (Syracuse University), Ruth Ukeles (Brooklyn College), Lee Langer (N.Y.U.) and others.

On Sunday afternoon, February 10th, the Collegiates have the use of the Jewish Center Gymnasium from 1 to 2:15 P.M.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Classes scheduled on Tuesdays will meet in the morning this Tuesday, February 12th (Lincoln's Birthday).

Assemblies celebrating Chamisha Asar B'Shvat will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday. Israel fruits and goodies will be distributed with the compliments of our Women's League. Mrs. Harry Verschleiser is in charge of the distribution.

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Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late GUSTI BRANDT and to our member, Nat Sherman, upon the passing of his mother, FANNI SHERMAN

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Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Konstant upon the marriage of their son, Jack, to Miss Alida Ruth Schoening . . . Our Director Philip Wohl will be the host at the Seuda Shlishit this Shabbos in honor of his wife's yahrzeit.



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