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The Friday night Services "Kabolos Shabbos" will be led by Mr. Irving Silver. Shabbos morning, Mr. Harry Cohen will chant the "Psukay D'Zimrah" and Mr. Isidore Lauer will conduct both the Shachris and Mussaf Services. Mr. Irving Silver will deliver the sermon. Gabriel Goldstein and Jason Jacobowitz will share the honor of Reading the Torah. Stanley Kaplan, son of Mr. Harold Kaplan, will open the Ark before Anim Zmiros.

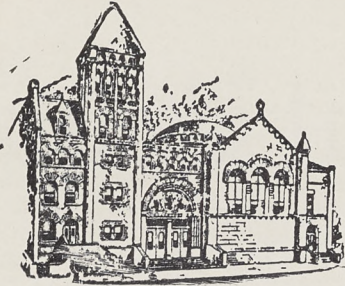
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EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED SUNDAY LAW AMENDMENT

1. What is the New York Sunday Law?

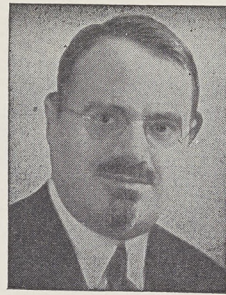
The New York Sunday Law is an article in the penal law which makes it a crime for persons to perform work or conduct business on Sunday.

2. Who is exempted?

The Sunday law has quite a number of exemptions. For instance, it permits movies, theaters, sports arenas, etc. to be open and conduct business on Sunday.

3. Does the Sunday Law exempt observers of the Jewish Sabbath?

The Sunday law provides that a person who observes a day other than Sunday as his day of rest may not be prosecuted for violation of the Sunday law because of work or labor which he performs on Sunday. On the basis of this exemption the courts have recently held that an orthodox Jew who built a Sukkoh in his backyard on Sunday was not guilty of a crime. The state's highest court however has recently held that this exemption is limited to **work and labor** and **does not apply to a business**. Therefore an orthodox Jew who keeps his store closed on Saturday nevertheless commits a crime if he keeps it open on Sunday.



"AS
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473rd OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Concerning The Bringing Of The Second Tithe"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Two per cent of one's produce was given as Trumah to the priest, then, of the remaining 98% — 9.8 was given as the first Tithe to the Levites and then one tenth of the remainder — 8.82%, — the second Tithe, was brought to Jerusalem and consumed there on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th of the Septennial (the seven year cycle). Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 14, verse 22, "Thou shalt surely Tithe all the increase of thy seed, that which is brought forth in the field year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Lord, thy God, in the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there, the Tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstling of thy herd and of thy flock." This injunction that one tenth of one's income had to be spent in Jerusalem, forced the Israelites to pass some time in the Holy City, where they were imbued with the

4. Is this discrimination against orthodox Jews unfair?

It need hardly be emphasized that this discrimination is entirely unfair against orthodox Jews and Seventh Day Adventists. Their religious convictions compel them to maintain their place of business closed on their Sabbath and the law adds an additional prohibition compelling them to keep their place of business closed also on the Christian Sabbath. This makes it difficult and frequently impossible for small Jewish merchants to stay in business without violating their Sabbath.

5. Is the law enforced fairly and impartially?

Not only is the law itself discriminatory and unfair but it has been enforced unfairly against small Jewish merchants. For instance, it is a violation of the law for television companies to broadcast on Sunday, yet no television broadcasts have

spirit of piety, culture and refinement. The Bible goes on to state in verse 24, "And if the way be too long for thee so that thou art not able to carry it because the place is too far for thee," then permission was given to exchange the produce for money, and spend the same on food and drink when arriving in Jerusalem. If this was done he was to add an amount equal to one-fifth, if the produce was worth \$100., he would add \$25. making the total sum \$125. Thus the redemption sum equals the \$25., or one fifth of the combined sum (100 plus 25).

The purpose of this commandment was to have the people come to Jerusalem and to receive there, the inspiration from the learned and the pious. It also gave all types of the population an opportunity to mix with each other and thus improve each other. The Israelites had time to learn and to study in the Holy City, which was not assured them when they were at home.

The laws of this commandment are that one was not to exchange the Tithe from one year for another. The 15th of the Sh'vat was the New Year for the trees. Therefore, before the 15th of Sh'vat, the Tithe of that year had to be given. (This Tithe-giving from the produce of the trees, was a rabbinic exactment). Biblically we are to give only, "The Tithe of thy corn, wine and of thine oil." (verse 23). Of course, this commandment did not prevail anywhere else except in Israel, both when all the people were there, and the Sanhedrin was properly constituted.

ever been prosecuted. Similarly it is a violation of the law to sell many articles which are sold every Sunday without interferences by the police in various chain drug and cigar stores. Experience has shown that the law is enforced almost exclusively against a small Jewish merchant who has a little butcher store or grocery store in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood.

6. What do we propose?

In the last session of the legislature a bill drafted by us was introduced by Senator Arthur Wachtel of the Bronx. This bill provided that every city, if it wishes to, may enact a local ordinance so as to exempt Sabbath observers in that city. We plan to reintroduce this bill this year.

7. What can you do?

We must speak to every member of the state Senate and Assembly

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**Saturday, Feb. 16**

Oneg Shabbas (Boys)	3:00 P.M.
Oneg Shabbas (Girls)	3:45 P.M.
Game Room	8:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Seminar in Jewish Studies for Post Bar Mitzvah boys	10:15 A.M.
"Gem" girls over 14	11:00 A.M.
"Tags" Post Bar Mitzvah Frat.	
Gym	11:45 A.M.
Gym for 12 year old boys	1:00 P.M.
Game Room	8:00 P.M.

Monday, Feb. 18

Macabees Boys over 12	7:30 P.M.
Game Room	7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Intermediate (Boys over 16)	7:30 P.M.
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Wednesday, Feb. 20

Scout Troop No. 530	7:30 P.M.
Game Room	7:30 P.M.

Men's Club Sabbath*(Continued from Page 1)*

After the services the entire Congregation is invited to a Kiddush at which the following members of the Men's Club will be the hosts: Messrs. Harry Cohen, Abraham Eisenman, Simon Fuchs, Leon Herman, Jess Ward, Alexander Kirsh, Buba Lebowicz, Philip Nager, William Orkin, Max Selsky, Frank L. Taks, President of the Men's Club.

The Mincha Service will be conducted by the sons of the members of the Men's Club under the direction of the Men's Club. Samuel Ward, son of Mr. Harry Ward will read the Service and Lawrence Kobrin, son of Mr. Irving Kobrin, will read the Torah.

Mr. Benjamin Glazer, was chosen by the Men's Club Committee, to be the speaker at the Seuda Shlishith.

The following are members of the Committee that helped Mr. Eisenman with the arrangements for the Men's Club Sabbath: Al Braff, Joseph Buchsbaum, Harry Cohen, William Foont, Myron Friedlander, Jacob Goldberg, Hyman Gordon, H. William Hirsch, Harold Kaplan, Irving Kobrin, Isidore Lauer, Irving Silver, Isidore Sterkin.

There will be a Men's Club meeting on Monday February 18 at 8:30 P.M.

SUNDAY LAW AMENDMENT*(Continued from Page 2)*

about this proposed measure. He should be told not only that the rights of Jews are involved but that the constitutional guarantee of religious liberty is likewise at issue. We urge you to visit or write your local state Senator and Assemblyman and obtain his support for this measure.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 5:09
Weekly Portion: Jethro
Exodus 18:1-20:23, Isa 6:1-7:6 9:5-6

Friday Evening Service5:20

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children
4 to 610:30

Rabbi Reichel's Class for Young
People4:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:40

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:40

Mincha Service4:40

Reader of Torah: Robert Lax

Reader of Service: Bernard Israel

The Sabbath Terminates5:57

Mornings6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30

Sunday and Friday6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha5:20

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

This Week's Bible Reading

Psalms 104 to 110

WSIS LEAGUE NOTES

Young married couples of our Congregational Family are invited to a Purim Gathering of the WSIS League at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kantrowitz, 825 West End Avenue, on Sunday evening, March 2nd. A Discussion conducted by the members of the League will highlight the program of the evening.

Information about the organization may be had by calling its prexy, Dr. Gustave Oremland, at TR 3-7556.



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by Sanford Solarz

All our good wishes go to Raphael Yavneh, son of our Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh, upon his graduation from New York Law School . . . Welcome back home to Mr. and Mrs. Murry Cumsy, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Cohen, and Dr. Nathan Settel, who have recently returned on the inbound shuttle from Florida . . . Happy to see at services last Shabbos morning, Ann Hirsch, and David Beier, who were in for a short stay from their out-of-town colleges . . . Also David Silver, who is back home and is doing graduate work at Columbia University . . . "Beruchim ha-baim" to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Schraub and daughter and Mr. Arthur Lee and daughter . . . Our heartfelt thanks to the Women's League, particularly to Mrs. Harry Verschleiser and Mrs. Jules Shaftan for preparing those appetizing goodies for our Talmud Torah children at the celebration of Chamisha Asar B'Shvat . . . Our Stamp Club has shown its true magnanimity by not being content with engaging in a very instructive hobby for itself only, but in sharing it by a generous gift of stamps to a local Veterans Hospital . . . To the readers of this Bulletin and the worshippers at our synagogue: Don't you think it a grand idea, if you are not already members of our congregation, to become such without further delay. Dues are nominal, only \$10., and consider the great spiritual and social reward that go with such membership . . . **Mazel Tov** to Mrs. Rose Gura upon the **marriage** of her son, our member, Bernard Gura, to Muriel Greenfeld. Bernard's aufruf was held at our synagogue last Shabbos . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. U. Doppelt upon the forthcoming **marriage** of their son, Stanley, to Eleanor Renee Levy. The aufruf will be in our synagogue tomorrow morning . . . Happy **wedding anniversary** to Hon. and Mrs. Albert Wald . . . Many happy returns of their **natal days** to Mrs. Lew Benjamin, Rosalyn Diamond, Alexander M. Golden, Francine Pretner, Solomon Strausberg, Aaron Tomores, and Yonina Yavneh.

COLLEGIATE NOTES

The Beth Hillel Chapter will be the hosts at the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council Forum this Friday night at 8:30 P.M., at the Beth Hillel Social Hall, 124 W. 95th St. All college people are cordially invited.

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