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SEVEN REASONS WHY A SCIENTIST BELIEVES IN G-D

By A. Cressy Morris

Sixth: - By the economy of nature, we are forced to realize that only infinite wisdom could have foreseen and prepared with such astute husbandry.

Many years ago a species of cactus was planted in Australia as a protective fence. Having no insect enemies in Australia the cactus soon began a prodigious growth; the alarming abundance persisted until the plants covered an area as long and wide as England, crowding inhabitants out of the towns and villages, and destroying their farms. Seeking a defense, the entomologists scoured the world; finally they turned up an insect which lived exclusively on cactus, and would eat nothing else. It would breed freely, too; and it had no enemies in Australia. So animal soon conquered vegetable and today the cactus pest has retreated, and with it all but a small protective residue of the insects, enough to hold the cactus in check forever.

Such checks and balances have been universally provided. Why have not fast-breeding insects dominated the earth? Because they have no lungs such as man possesses; they breathe through tubes. But when insects grow large, their tubes do not grow in ratio to the increasing size of the body. Hence there never has been an insect of great size; this limitation on growth has held them all in check. If this physical check had not been provided, man could not exist. Imagine meeting a hornet as big as a lion!

Seventh: The fact that man can conceive the idea of G-d is in itself a unique proof.

The conception of G-d rises from a divine faculty of man, unshared with the rest of our world — the faculty we call imagination. By its power, man and man alone can find the evidence of things unseen. The vista that power opens up is unbounded; indeed, as man's perfected imagination becomes a spiritual re-

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Only One Week Left To Reserve For ANNUAL PURIM FESTIVAL



ANNE JEFFREYS

OUR THEATRE PARTY

March 18, 1952

Preview "Three Wishes For Jamie"

Mark Hellinger Theatre

In addition to Anne Jeffreys in this big Musical Hit, the following stars are in the cast: John Raitt, Bert Wheeler, Robert Halliday, Malcolm Keen, Jeff Morrow, and Ralph Morgan.

Time is short. If you have not as yet obtained tickets, please do so **NOW**. Prices are from \$4.00 to \$25.00

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES PURIM LUNCHEON

All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to be the guests of our Women's League at the Purim Luncheon which will be held on Monday, March 3rd at 12:30 o'clock, at the synagogue building.

Surprise Program

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Harry Ward, President of the Women's League is pleased to announce the following recent appointments: Chairman for—

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Mrs. Joseph Klein
RED CROSS —

Mrs. Lillie Kirsch
PURIM & TALMUD TORAH TREAT —

Mrs. William Foont
and Mrs. Myron Friedlander

There is only one week left in which to make your reservation for the Annual Purim Festival sponsored by the Women's League and Men's Club of our Synagogue. This event which will take place on Saturday night, March 8th in our building promises to be one of the "top" events of the W.S.I.S. calendar. The committee went all out in preparing a program of fun and frolic which will include music by a band, novelty dances, delicious refreshments, entertainment and door prizes.

For reservations at \$1.50 per person, please call upon one of the co-chairmen: Ben K. Eisenberg, Myron Friedlander, Hilda Goodman and Arlyne L. Schwartz, or call the Synagogue office at TR 7-8281.

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OUR COMMUNITY SEDER

If you have not yet made reservations for our Community Sedorim please do so **at once**:

DATE: April 9 and 10

PLACE: Hotel Esplanade

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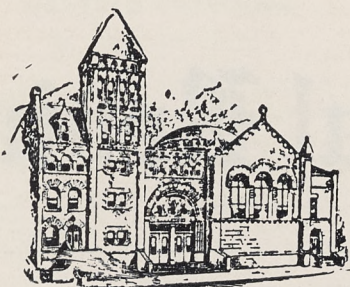
ANNUAL YESHIVOS APPEAL

On Shabbos Shekalim, our congregation responded generously to the appeal for forty-eight noted yeshivos and religious institutions. If you were not with us when the appeal was made, you are urged to send in your contribution. Checks should be made payable to the W.S.I.S. marked "Yeshiva Appeal". The names of the contributors will be printed in the Review.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

This Monday, March 3

8:30 P.M.



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MEMBER CONGREGATION



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A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS

I cannot urge you too strongly to send your children to a summer camp where Judaism is being practiced. From a long range point of view, a summer camp leaves a lasting impression upon the child, — and a love and respect for Judaism should be included in that impression.

I shall be glad to recommend to you private camps which have very high standards.

I may be in a position to send some of our pupils to camp at a nominal rate or gratis, if their parents do not have the financial means to send them to private camps. I urge parents who are interested in this service to contact me immediately.

Sincerely yours,
RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL
Principal

Seven Reasons

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ality, he may discern in all the evidences of design and purpose the great truth that heaven in where-ever and whatever; that G-d is everywhere and in everything but nowhere so close as in our hearts.

It is scientifically as well as imaginatively true, as the Psalmist said: The heavens declare the glory of G-d and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.



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476th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS "We Are Permitted To Exact Payment From A Non-Jew"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 15, verse 3, "Of a gentile thou mayest exact it." Since the gentile is not governed by our religious laws of release, the observance of it with him, would not be mutual, but one sided.

477th COMMANDMENT "To Cancel The Debts In The Sabbatical Year"

Concerning the cancellation of debts during the Sabbatical year we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 15, verse 3, "Whatever of thine is with thy brother, thy hand shall release."

This is a repetition of the commandment found in the 2nd verse of this chapter, namely, "every creditor will release that which he hath lent unto his neighbor." One, refers to land, namely not to work on the land, or to return the land to its original owner during the Jubilee year; the second refers to money, not to demand loans we have made. Certainly if we are prepared to release our neighbor from a debt he owes us, how much the more is it

safe then, that we will not steal or covet that which belongs to our neighbor.

This law of release or cancellation of debts is a fundamental teaching of the Torah, namely to check the tendency of the rich to get richer and the poor to get poorer. One of the methods employed toward this end, is the periodic cancellation of debts. There are of course cases, where debts are not cancelled. Wherever there is, to use a modern legal term "a consideration" then the Sabbatical year does not release one from his debts. One who borrowed a movable security, such a debt is not cancelled in the Sabbatical year. Money due minors is not cancelled during the Sabbatical year. Money loaned for a time that covered the Sabbatical year and beyond it, as for instance for 10 years, is not cancelled during the Sabbatical year. All the above is the Biblical Law which prevailed when Israel was on its land, and when the Jubilee was in vogue. However, Hillel, one of the Tanaim of the Talmud, instituted what is known as the Prosbul, as far as money debt is concerned. During Biblical times we had only an agricultural age, dealing largely with land. When the world entered a period of commerce and industry and money transactions, it was feared, lest there would be no lenders, in view of the Sabbatical year, Hillel put through during the first century of the present era, the Prosbul. He hit upon the idea of instituting the method **within** the law, whereby debts would not be cancelled when they were assigned to the Beth Din — the Court.

P.T.A. PRE-PURIM MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT All Our Parents Invited

A very interesting program has been prepared for our next **P.T.A. Meeting**, which will be held on **Wednesday, March 5 at 8:30 o'clock**. The theme for the evening will be, "How to Celebrate Purim at Home and in the Synagogue". This is one of the chosen evenings of the season when teachers, parents and the principal have the opportunity to meet socially and to discuss one subject of interest to all of us: — **YOUR** children. Refreshments will be served.

Please make every effort to be with us this Wednesday evening.

CONDOLENCE

The Women's League is grieved to announce the passing of its loyal and devoted Board member, Hattie Davis and extends its sincerest sympathies to her bereaved family.

EXCERPTS OF A LETTER RECEIVED

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I would very much like to take this opportunity to commend very highly the W.S.I.S. for the recent article dealing with the discriminatory "Sunday Law." It is indeed a situation which should be rectified immediately.

The innermost core of government beneficial to the people is the right to freedom of religion. Our religious precepts are derived from divine sources, and it is to the Almighty that we turn our prayers. Who then shall be base enough to try to limit them or take them away?

It is most heartening, to say the least, to know that the W.S.I.S. is keeping an ever vigilant watch over matters such as this.

Sincerely yours,
MURRAY B. YAVNEH

BAR MITZVAH

**Herbert R. Grossinger**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grossinger upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Herbert Richard, who is a pupil in our Talmud Torah. Mazel Tov also to the grandfather, Mr. Martin Grossinger.

W.S.I.S. LEAGUE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kantowitz will be the hosts at their home, 825 West End Avenue, for the Get-Together of the League this Sunday night. A discussion on "The Future of American Jewry" conducted by a number of its members, and a Question Box on Purim will highlight the evening.

**GALA PURIM CARNIVAL
FOR YOUNG AND OLD,
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 9**

We are anxiously looking forward to seeing all the youngsters of our Congregational Family and Talmud Torah, together with their friends and parents — at our annual Purim Carnival, Sunday afternoon, March 9 at 2:00 o'clock. There will be many booths, delicious refreshments, and a special section for the nursery and kindergarten children.

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Exodus 25:1-27:19, I Kings 5:26-6:13	
Friday Evening Service	5:35
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	3:50
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	3:50
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	3:50
Mincha Service	4:50
Reader of Torah: Jay Kobrin	
Reader of Service: Joseph Neustadter	
The Sabbath Terminates	6:13
Sunday Morning Service	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:35
Followed by the Explanation of the	
Schulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	
This Week's Bible Readings	
Psalms 118-124	

**PSYCHIATRIST TO ADDRESS
SENIOR LEAGUE ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 9, AT 8:30 O'CLOCK**

Dr. Alvin J. Cronson, Senior Psychiatrist at Bellevue Hospital, will address the W.S.I.S. Senior League on the topic, "Meaningful Relationships". A film entitled "A Feeling of Rejection" will also be shown.

The League is sponsoring a Gala Square Dance and Social Evening on Sunday night, March 23. The proceeds will go for the purchase of tools for the W.S.I.S. Children's Home in Israel. Refreshments will be served. Subscriptions to the affair are \$1.50 per person.



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Recently one of our members dropped in the office to purchase a pair of tickets for our forthcoming theatre party on March 18th. After the transaction was completed and I thanked him for his co-operation, he made some remarks that are worthy of repetition.

"Why should you thank me? I am a member and am acquainted with the work of W.S.I.S. You not only have a beautiful Synagogue, where it is an inspiration to pray, but in addition you have a Talmud Torah for boys and girls to learn about religion, a kindergarten and even a nursery class for the very young children, a Laymen's Institute where the adults learn Hebrew, History and Hebrew culture, social clubs for young men and young women, and forums and lectures for all who wish to improve their minds. Where else can my modest contributions do so much useful and effective work? At the same time I anticipate a delightful evening, when I see 'Three Wishes For Jamie'. I can't imagine anyone overlooking the opportunity to participate in this theatre party."

I sincerely hope that all of you, our readers, agree with these views, and attend our Benefit Performance on March 18th.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

We are happy to learn that our own individually sponsored campaign for the amendment to the New York State Blue Laws which would permit Sabbath observers to keep their stores or places of business open on Sunday has enlisted the active support of so many of our younger members. Special bouquets to Arthur Aibinder for his stimulating letter in support of the campaign which was given prominence on the editorial page of the New York Post and to Murray Yavneh for his most interesting article on another page of this Review.

With the departures and arrivals of so many of our members becoming more numerous every week, we are contemplating asking our Board of Directors to furnish us with the assistance of a train dispatcher. Inbound, our hearty welcome home to our artist member, Geza Fisher from Israel, from points north, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wiener; from Florida, Directors Joseph Shapiro and Edward Jacobs, and our member Sy Gluck . . . Outbound, happy vacation time to Director and Mrs. Jean Goldwurm who are enjoying the Alpine wonders of St. Moritz; to Director and Mrs. Joseph Settel, Director and Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silk and Mr. Hyman Gottlieb who have joined our Florida winter colony . . . If King Arthur has gone down in legend for his famous Knights of the Round Table, why not our own weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis Round Table with our own devoted Rabbi Goldstein as leader, and the faithful assembled guests as knights of Jewry. At our weekly Round Table, we are regaled with traditional singing, festive eating and drinking, and words of profound wisdom. Particularly illuminating and inspiring was last week's talk by our beloved Rabbi O. Asher Reichel . . . **Wedding Anniversary greetings** to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Sigg Eisenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Director and Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Langer, Director and Mrs. Jacob H. Silverstein, Director and Mrs. Harry Ward. . . . Many happy returns of their **Natal days** to the following: Director Harry Altman, Mrs. Emanuel Buchalter, our Rebbetzin Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Norman Kerman, Herman Kaminsky, Max Stokar and Elliot Wohl . . . Among our guests at our Sabbath Services were

Mr. Citron of Brazil, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Manischewitz, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jacobs and Mr. and Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein and their family . . . Leap year is a good time, men, to realize you have an extra day to make a nice girl happy — Give her a ring today — February 29th, your last chance now — for four years. Remember, our girls will not call YOU.

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