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L'CHAIM — ZUM LEBEN!

RABBI SHLOMO KAHN

Die Zahl achtzehn feiert der juedische Volksmund mit Vorliebe. Nicht weil das Quantum eine besondere Bewandnis hat, sondern wegen der Schreibweise dieser Zahl in hebraeisch. Dem Zahlenwert der Buchstaben gemaess stellt sich 18 aus den zwei Buchstaben "Jud" (10) und "Ches" (8) zusammen. Das aber bildet nicht nur eine Zahl, sondern auch ein Wort, "Chai," welches "Leben" bedeutet.

Warum feiert nun der J'hudi das Leben so hervorragend? Hebt denn nicht Judentum mit Nachdruck die Werte hoch, die selbst ueber dem menschlichen Leben stehen? Haben nicht Juden in allen Zeiten freudig den Tod gewaehlt, wenn es galt G'tt und Thora treu zu bleiben?

Gewiss, jedoch dem Leben singt Judentum dennoch das hohe Lied. Leben ist uns von G'tt geschenkt. Gibt es eine

koestlichere Gabe? Jeden neuen Morgen gruesst der dankbare J'hudi mit dem "Mode ani," G'tt sei Dank, dass Er ihm einen weiteren Tag geschenkt hat. "Nicht die Toten ruehmen G'tt," ruft unser Hallel voll Lebensbegeisterung. Deshalb gehen Leben und G'ttesdienst bei uns Hand in Hand. Wir leben um den Willen G'ttes treu zu erfuehlen.

Unsere Gemeinde feiert in diesen Tagen ihr 18-jaehrigen Jubilaeum. Zu Ehren unseres Chai-Festes ist diese Zeitungsnummer den lebendigen Beweisen gewidmet, dass echtes juedisches Leben in den Adern unserer K'hillo pulsiert.

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THE ADVENTURES OF

KUPSIE, THE



KIDDUSH CUP

"What's going on here?" whispered Kupsie.

He was standing on a silver platter together with two other Kiddush cups. All three overlooked a beautifully set dining room table.

"You must be a new cup," answered his left hand neighbor, "otherwise you'd know at a glance."

Embarrassment made Kupsie blush. "But teach me, please."

"That I'll do," said the other with a friendly smile. "Tonight we'll have sheva b'rochos."

"What does that mean?"

"It's Hebrew and in English it means 'seven blessings.' You see, at a wedding there are seven blessings pronounced under the Chuppo."

"Oh, yes," Kupsie remembered. "When my owners came home from their wedding they talked about how they liked the melodies to which these blessings were sung."

"After the wedding," Kupsie's new friend continued, "for a full week, these seven b'rochos are pronounced over two cups of wine at every meal at which bride and groom eat."

"But this morning at breakfast this wasn't done!" protested Kupsie. "I was in my place in the breakfront and I saw Leah and Benny eat in the kitchen and when they said the benshen, they didn't take me out."

"Silly boy," laughed the other. "That may be done only when ten or more men are present. And at least one of them must be a new guest who hadn't partici-

pated in the couple's wedding meal or other sheva b'rochos."

"Oh," marvelled Kupsie, "and how does this sheva b'rochos ceremony take place?"

"Wait and see. Hush! Here they come!"

(Will be continued)



QUIZ

Correct answers to the last quiz (1c, 2e, 3f, 4a, 5d, 6b) came from Cheryl and Linda Erbs, Betty Hamburger and Terry Knurr.

Can you answer these questions about the numbers 39 and 40?

- 1) What punishment lasted 40 days?
- 2) Which prayer lasted 40 days?
- 3) When were 40 days changed to 40 years?
- 4) What punishment goes up to 39?
- 5) What connects Shabbos to 39?

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Schabb. B'schalach, 21. Januar	4:40	8:30 Sermon	5:05	5:40	6:15	9:25
Schabb. Jisro, 28. Januar	4:50	8:30	5:15	5:50	6:10	9:25
Schabb. Mischpotim, 4. Februar	5:00	8:30 Predigt	5:20	5:55	6:05	9:20
Schabb. T'rumo, 11. Februar	5:05	8:30 Youth Shabbath	5:30	6:05	6:00	9:15
Schabb. T'zawe, 18. Februar	5:15	8:30	5:40	6:15	5:50	9:10
Schabb. Ki Siso, 25. Februar	5:25	8:30 Predigt	5:45	6:20	5:40	9:05
Schabb. Wajakhel, 4. Maerz	5:30	8:30	5:55	6:30	5:30	9:00
Schabb. P'kude, 11. Maerz	5:40	8:30 Sermon	6:00	6:35	5:15	8:50

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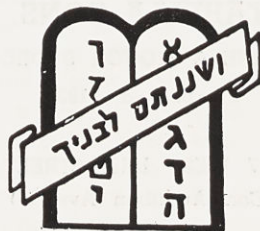
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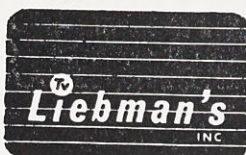
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"Simon the Just was one of the last members of the Great Assembly. He used to say: The world stands on these three things: Torah, worship, and the practice of lovingkindness."

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"K'hillo" is a proud and responsible title which may be borne only if sacred functions are conscientiously observed. Throughout thousands of years, the streams of traditional K'hillo life have followed well-worn river beds, deviating neither to the right nor to the left, supplying rich blessing to the fertile soil of Judaism and sustaining nourishment to our people who thrive and flourish on the river banks.

What is the traditional program of a K'hillo? The Mishna maps it out in clear, concise language: Torah, worship, and the practice of lovingkindness.

At the age of "chai" (18) years, our K'hillo can point with quiet pride to a bustling vitality in these areas of Jewish living. It gives lively testimony that it is true to its sacred calling.

I — TORAH

1) The first and foremost duty of the Jew is the study of Torah. Faithful to the dictum: "Talmud Torah k'neged kulom — the study of Torah excels them all," our congregation maintains a Hebrew School for its youth.

Needless to say, there is no substitute for a Yeshiva education. We welcome the growing number of boys and girls in our ranks who attend the various Yeshivas. We glory in their spiritual development and take pride in their outstanding achievements. For those, however, who attend the public schools, we offer a full Hebrew School and Hebrew High School curriculum, providing them with the means to lead a good religious way of life.

2) Torah study is a lifetime occupation. The sensible Jew is keenly interested in

his heritage and thirsts for knowledge. Our K'hillo has a versatile schedule of study groups, so that everyone can find satisfaction in the field of his choosing.

A course in Mishna for men is offered every Tuesday evening. Throughout many years this group has covered a large section of the Talmud. Upon completing one more tractate, it will have concluded an entire order of the Oral Law.

3) On Monday evenings the ladies meet. This shiur, the oldest in our congregation, has successfully completed an impressive curriculum: the entire Siddur, the whole Torah, three Megillos (Esther, Ruth, Koheles), and is now concluding the study of the Haftoros.

4) A lively group of youngsters, boys and girls, meets every Thursday night for an animated round-the-table discussion of selected topics from the Bible, which have a bearing on modern themes, questions and practices. This group is a comparative newcomer, for it was launched this year. Previously, a detailed study of the 613 laws of the Bible had been completed.

5) Torah study is so much entrenched in our way of life, that it has become part of our daily prayer services. Thus, no service in the synagogue ends without a short lesson in Halacha (Jewish law). Over the years, the famous books Kitzur Shulchan Oruch and Chaye Odom, as well as excerpts from Chochmas Odom, were reviewed.

Similarly, a time-honored way of teaching Torah ideology is the sermon, an integral part of the Shabbos and Yomtov services, as well as Bible comments expounded between Mincho and Maariv on Shabbos and Yomtov afternoons.

6) The waters of Torah do not confine themselves to those who visit our synagogue. In order to reach each and every member, two publications were launched, which have become staunch and welcome friends.

More than thirteen years ago, HAKOHOL was born and ever since, it appears six times a year, informing our members of congregational activities, and — more important — spreading effectively

the word of G'd in its eagerly read columns.

Over five years ago, a monthly Rabbi's Newsletter began its regular routes to the young adults of our K'hillo. This is packed with articles on timely subjects, news analysis, story sermons, historical sketches and topics of controversy. It enjoys a growing readership even beyond the scope of the congregation.

II — AVODA-WORSHIP

7) The second point on a K'hillo's program of functions is prayer. For that purpose we have our synagogue services.

Led ably and expertly by a gifted talent, the assembled worshippers on Shabbos and Yomtov follow the sacred prayers in accordance with our ancient and traditional minhag. Attendance on Shabbos averages 150 worshippers; on Yomtov this is greatly exceeded, while a fully packed synagogue offers its devotion to G'd on the High Holidays.

8) As impressive and well attended our Shabbos and Yomtov services are, the conscientious Jew is never satisfied with serving G'd on occasion only. To gather for communal prayer every day of the week is a prerequisite for a genuine K'hillo. Modest in numbers but glorious in faithfulness, a group of dedicated men and boys meets daily in an exemplary spirit of responsibility, putting all others in their debt for keeping the eternal light of Avoda burning brightly.

9) In ancient times, the Temple service in Jerusalem was conducted with outstanding decorum, precision, and accompaniment of beautiful music. Order and beauty are thus typically Jewish and add to the devotion and dignity of prayer. How pleasing therefore that the recitation of our prayers has its deeply liked melodious overtones, and its musical and harmonious forms. Beloved melodies sung by cantor and congregation, stimulated by boys' choir and men's choir, make our services a delight with G'd and men.

10) At times communal prayer moves out of the synagogue and takes up temporary residence in the home of an individual. Jewish law prescribes that a minyan of men assemble in the house of a mourner, in order to bring comfort to the soul of the departed and to ac-

commodate the mourner in the recitation of Kaddish. Whenever it doesn't conflict with our regular synagogue service (which takes preference over a mourner's minyan) our congregation discharges its duty with sympathy.

11) But it is in simcho that we want to serve G'd! On joyous occasions our K'hillo becomes one large family and participates sincerely in the happy events of its members. A Barmitzvo makes invariably for a festive Shabbos, happiness radiates from all faces when bride and groom are in Shul or when a birth is announced, and anniversaries are celebrated in true friendship.

12) What can testify better to the success and life of our K'hillo than the marvelous interest shown by our youth? While many congregations sponsor youth services, we have stubbornly shied away from it because it robs the congregation at prayer of its children. Rather, we drew our youth into communal prayer, encouraging youngsters to fill responsibilities during the service. With G'd's help, we succeeded. Not only once a year, on Youth Shabbos, do they participate actively, but all year long. Wisely and expertly trained as readers of the Torah and leading the congregation in prayer, our boys are well integrated in the community and our youth makes up a large percentage of steady worshippers.

III — GEMILUS CHASODIM — THE PRACTICE OF LOVINGKINDNESS

Whereas Torah study aims at self-perfection and Avoda unites man with G'd, the third pillar on which our world is based regulates our relationship with fellow man. To that end too, the K'hillo is established.

Judaism rejects the cloistered life of a hermit who shuns the company of others. We see in the harmonious cooperation between man and man a blessed effort to strive ever higher to attain the goals set by the Creator. Just as no K'dusho can be recited by the individual but only in the community of a minyan, so too is life in all aspects dependent on the welfare of others. "Chaverim kol yisroel" is the refrain which we sing with feeling,

for a closely knit fellowship ties us all together.

13) A community can function smoothly only when blessed by qualified leadership. Our K'hillo has at its helm a group of men who lead it wisely and skillfully. From out of their Jewish hearts springs devotion to be of service to others. Working purely "T'shem mitzvo" — for G'd and K'hillo, reaping neither material reward nor personal glory, these men give fully of their after-working hours and dedicated effort. At times a most thankless task, bearing undeserved murmurs and criticism, they unselfishly shoulder the immense burden of a teeming community.

14) What a grand name is Chevra Kadisha, literally "holy society!" Its active members, who in truth may carry this magnificent name, fulfill sacred duties. Standing at the bedside of a dying person, preparing the remains for burial, washing the body and dressing it for its last journey — these are indeed acts of loving-kindness. Our K'hillo is blessed with men and women who consider it an honor and a distinction to perform these services. They are assisted by a wider circle of men and women who join them in visiting the sick, looking after the needy, and attending funeral and services at the mourner's house.

A sacred extension of our synagogue premises is the hallowed ground of the K'hillo's cemetery, where our departed sleep in eternal peace.

15) Our Sisterhood serves many congregational purposes. It provides for regularly scheduled meetings, presents educational and social entertainment to members and friends, lectures in the field of religion as well as art-of-living, musical and humorous get-togethers in a relaxed atmosphere and the cozy feeling of togetherness. Well organized functions contribute impressively to the monetary obligations of the K'hillo.

16) The parents of the Hebrew School students are the members of another congregational organization, the Parents-Association. Mainly composed of energetic mothers, this group assists in supervising and financing extra-curricular youth ac-

tivities, distributing sweets on Simchas Torah, organizing Chanuka and Purim parties, the Model Seder and the Hebrew School Graduation Exercises.

17) K'hillo life reaches into many corners and livens up activities and projects galore. In the course of each year, the congregation joins in celebrating Chanuka in a community affair, runs a lively bazaar, an industrious raffle campaign, a merry Purim Dinner, dispenses from generous donations large sums to worthy causes here, abroad and in Israel, plants an ever growing Congregation Beth Israel Forest in the Holy Land and is constantly attuned to the needs of Jews everywhere.

18) The seeds for our future are our children. Aside from the youth activities described previously in the area of Torah study and worship, the K'hillo is geared to a vigorous youth program. A popular Breakfast Club meets weekly for prayer and projects, Oneg Shabbat groups entertain and study, outings and joint endeavors capture the interest of boys and girls who see in the synagogue a meeting place for study, prayer and Jewish living. In eighteen years of existence, our congregation has seen youngsters become men and women, establishing their own homes and making good on the local and national scene. Many have swelled the ranks of our members. Some have moved to other areas. But all look back gratefully to the happy years of childhood and adolescence spent in our midst.

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We celebrate our anniversary in gratitude to G'd for the successes of the past and with confidence in the future. The eighteen points enumerated above bear living testimony to the flourishing life of our K'hillo.

Deep flows the river of community life and strong are its currents. It draws its strength from the hearts of its members which gush with Jewish feeling. It is fed by uncountable springs and brooks, all contributing to the majestic flow of the K'hillo.

May the blessings of G'd rest on our endeavors.

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...dass am 29. November bei einer Sisterhood Zusammenkunft, Mr. Walter Strauss ueber Medic-Aid einen erklarenden Vortrag hielt...

...dass am Sonntag Chanuka ein von der Sisterhood fuer die ganze Gemeinde verabreichtes Luncheon stattfand, mit grosser Beteiligung von Mitgliedern und Freunden, geleitet von Mrs. Herta Mahler; das ausgezeichnete warme Essen war von Begrueessung von Mrs. Herta Spiegel, Rede von Rabbi Kahn, Klavierspiel von Miss Linda Fuld, humoristischer Sketch von Mrs. Herta Mahler und Mrs. Paula Neumann und einer Tombola umrahmt; und der begabte Komiker Eugen Hofmann zur heiteren Stimmung beigetragen hat...

...dass am 15. Dezember die Kinder Chanuka Party stattfand, wobei die Kleinen im echten Chanuka-Geist sich ueber die Spiele herstuerzten...

...dass am 29. Januar die Generalversammlung und Essen der Chevra Kadisha stattfinden wird...

...dass demnaechst eine feierliche Wiedereinweihung einer Sefer Thora stattfindend wird (siehe separate Voranzeige)...

...dass wie alljaehrlich, ein gemeinsames Purim-Dinner stattfinden wird, und zwar an Purim, Sonntag, den 26. Maerz, und alle Mitglieder, Freunde und deren Familien gebeten werden, diesen Tag fuer unsere Gemeinde-Purim-S'udo zu reservieren...

...dass den folgenden Spendern fuer breakfast unser Dank ausgesprochen wird: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schoen, Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel S. Harwitt, Mr. & Mrs. Adolf Mayer, Mr. & Mrs. Werner Loew...

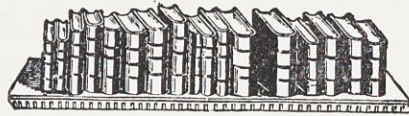
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...dass nicht nur das Kochen am Schabbos verboten ist, sondern auch das Aufwaermen von fertig gekochten Speisen, dass daher Wasserkessel, etc. von Eingang des Schabbos an auf dem Herd bleiben muessen, der mit einem sogenannten Schabbosblech versehen ist?

...dass Beteiligung an Taharo (Waschen und Ankleiden eines Verstorbenen) zu den grossen Mitzvos gerechnet wird, die als "Chesed schel Emes — wahre Liebestat" bezeichnet werden?

...dass man vor dem Morgengebet meiden soll, jemanden zu gruessen, dass es wohl gestattet ist, dem Anstand gemaess einen kurzen Morgengruss zu erteilen, jedoch nicht die "Scholom Alechem" Begrueessung?

...dass metallene und glaeserne Speisgeraete, wenn sie von Nichtjuden hergestellt wurden, vor dem Gebrauch in einer Mikwe (Towel-Becken) eingetaucht werden muessen?

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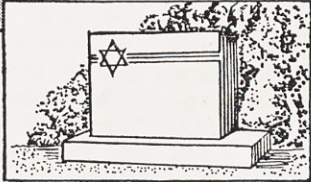
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On Shabbos Trumo, February 11th, the annual Youth Shabbos will take place, when the entire Shabbos services will be in the hands of members of the youth groups, who will act as Torah readers, lead the congregation in prayer, deliver the sermon and tender a Kiddush reception.

The Oneg Shabbat Girls Group is at present enthusiastically engaged in preparing a play which will be presented at the Purim Dinner, in addition to outstanding professional entertainment.

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אין צבור אני

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