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RABBI ROTH ANALYZES HUMAN PERSONALITY Discusses Maimonidean View at Adult Institute Lecture

The second installment of the Adult Institute Open Lecture Series on the subject, "Problems and Personalities in Jewish Philosophy" was offered last Wednesday evening before a capacity audience in the synagogue social hall.

Rabbi Sol Roth was the guest speaker. He discussed "Maimonides—The Philosophy of Human Personality." The next lecture will be given by Rabbi Norman B. Frimer on the subject: "Yehudah HaLevi - Can We Talk To God?"

Rabbi Roth was warmly received by his many friends at the congregation who came to hear him for the first time since he left the synagogue five years ago. They came to praise him and remained to extol him. Below follows a brief synopsis of the salient points in his lecture.

Laws for the Whole of Man

Jewish philosophers essentially agree on one point. Judaism is concerned with the total human personality, and the Torah legislates rules which are designed to affect the whole personality.

There are basically two reasons for this. First of all, human structure is composed of various elements. There are biological functions which consist of digestion, growth, and reproduction, according to Maimonides. There are psychological functions which consist of sensual perception, imagination (the ability to recall the past), and desire — the emotions of man. There is also in man, a logical structure, which means that he can function rationally.

When the Torah legislates for man, it takes into account this three-fold structure of the human personality — the biological, the psychological, and the logical. It would be unrealistic not to take into consideration the total personality when legislating rules for human behavior.

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The Members of the
CONGREGATION, SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB

are cordially invited to attend a

CHANUKAH EVENING

Tuesday, December 20th, 1960

8:30 o'clock



— Guest Artist —

BLIX RUSKAY

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— Musical Program —

CANTOR A. JOSEPH COHEN

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— Collation —

No Admission Charge

By Invitation only

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.

"OIL FOR THE LAMPS OF CHANUKAH"

TO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS

The annual Open House at Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women will be held on Sunday, December 25. The purpose of the Open House is to give prospective students and their parents the opportunity to visit the colleges and to learn of their philosophy, educational opportunities and facilities.

The program, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning and running until 3:30 in the afternoon, will include lectures and demonstrations by noted scholars and scientists, special exhibits, talks with faculty members on career opportunities in the arts and sciences and Jewish studies, discussions of students life and a campus tour.

Yeshiva and Stern Colleges now offer a student the opportunity to prepare himself for the widest variety of careers and graduate work. Furthermore, the Jewish Studies Programs have been so devised as to make available a Yeshiva University education to students with extensive background in Jewish studies as well as to those with a limited knowledge of Hebrew.

We have available a limited supply of tickets to the Open House which will admit a student and his parents to the sessions and the special luncheon. All those who are interested in the educational opportunities at Yeshiva and Stern Colleges are invited to call the synagogue for tickets.

HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Pauline Einstein, Mrs. Viola F. Ettinger, Mrs. Nathan Flax, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mrs. Ida Perlman, Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, and Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, December 17th

Cantors:

Michael Jaspan
Philip Lerner
Elliot Kamerman

Teen Age Torah Reader:

Steven Gross

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns to Mrs. Abram Abeloff, Mrs. Irving Angel, Harry W. Baumgarten, Dr. Samuel Gross, Israel Jacobs, Mrs. Saul J. Lance, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Eugene R. Sarezky, Mrs. Julius M. Sax, and Mrs. Raymond Schwartz.

Anniversaries—

Our warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspan, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lippoff, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosen, and Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Zuckerman.

Members In The News—

We congratulate our esteemed member Ernest Adler, upon his election as President of the New York Cocoa Exchange.

We congratulate our dear members, the Feinberg Twins, (Mildred and Minna), upon their outstanding contributions to the art exhibit of the Women Artists of Tokyo and the National Association of Women Artists (U. S. A.). This sister city exhibit is currently on view in Riverside Museum.

Bon Voyage—

Jack Lefkowitz will leave for Israel this week. He will attend the World Zionist Congress as representative of the Zionist Organization of America.

Get Well—

We wish a speedy recovery to our devoted member, Dr. Morris Zuckerman who was taken ill recently.

Welcome Back—

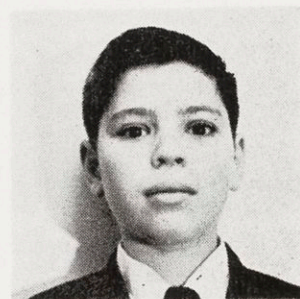
We were very happy to have our dear member Miss Vilma Weiss at services on Saturday, following her absence due to surgery.

Condolence—

We extend our sincere condolences to our devoted member, Assistant to the Principal of Ramaz School, Mrs. George Jacobs, upon the loss of her beloved mother.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and pray that the Almighty spare them further grief for many years to come.

DAVID JONATHAN HERMAN BAR MITZVAH



We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mrs. Betty Herman upon the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of her son David.

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant is in the eighth grade of the the Ramaz School. His favorite subjects are Mathematics, Science, and Talmud. David is a member of the choral society of the school.

His favorite hobby is stamp collecting. Football and baseball are his favorite sports.

David will read the Torah portion as part of the regular service this Saturday. Following the service, the entire congregation will be the guests of Mrs. Betty Herman at the Sabbath Kiddush.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN CHANUKAH SERVICE

The annual chanukah service of the Father and Son Minyan will be held this Sunday morning, December 18 at 9:30 in the synagogue chapel.

The Minyan has been proceeding from week to week with a record breaking attendance. Thus far there have been eight services. At six of them the number of worshippers has exceeded fifty; at two of them the attendance has numbered in the forties.

For the Minyan on December 25, several features have been planned for the interest of the home-coming collegiates. It was announced, among other things, that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will come out of semi-retirement to lead the basketball session.

Make a date to come down this Sunday at 9:30 for the Chanukah service.

— RESERVE —
Tuesday, January 24, 1961
for the
Men's Club Annual Dinner

— REMINDER —
Collegiate Sabbath
will be held next Saturday
December 24th

ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE

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Other philosophies of human behavior have not been so realistic. Thus we find certain religions which encourage celibacy as a norm of human existence, thus ignoring among other things the natural sensual drives of man. There are philosophies which encourage man to "turn the other cheek," thus ignoring basic emotional needs of man. There are theological systems which extol ascetism, thus ignoring the natural physical necessities of the human body.

Judaism dissents from any rules or regulations which do not take into account the total human personality, because such a policy would be completely unrealistic.

Secondly, Judaism is concerned with the whole of man, because it views man as differing from animal and vegetable life in more than man's logical structure. Even man's biological and psychological needs are to be distinguished from those of plant and animal life. Consequently, the requirements of Judaism must take into account the total human structure and the entire horizon of human behavior.

In summary, a holy man, according to the Jewish view, is a whole man whose biological, psychological, and logical needs are given expression and fulfillment in accordance with a divinely controlled plan and purpose.

How is Behavior Controlled?

Human behavior is conditioned by habits which evolve from human needs. These habits in turn determine future behavior. According to Maimonides, habits largely reside in the realm of the emotional and can be controlled by man's will. This is the essence of the doctrine of free will. We are not forced to do anything; neither by an outside power nor by an inner compulsion.

Thus, the Torah, which is concerned with man's ethical behavior, is not concerned with thought as such but rather with habit. The thirteen principles of faith, enumerated by Maimonides, are not mentioned explicitly by the Torah. Rules for human behavior, however, are given explicit formulation.

There is an obvious reason for this. Belief is not a means to salvation in Judaism. Action, however, is a means toward the development of

THE JEWRY BOX**LAST WEEK**

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**Thank you for your cooperation
in helping to maintain the Daily
Minyan.**

character. Inasmuch as habit governs behavior, Jewish law is vitally concerned with the development of good habits.

What Kind of Habits?

Judaism seeks to encourage the kind of habits which lead to a balanced life, free from extremes. This, according to Maimonides, is the essence of a healthy life.

Thus, in the realm of sensual behavior, promiscuity is not countenanced nor is celibacy approved. The laws encourage a median degree of sensual activity.

In the area of charity, miserliness is disapproved. Similarly, the man who gives so much that he deprives himself and his family, is not considered righteous. The virtue is a median degree of benevolence.

The ascetic who fasts constantly is the object of criticism. The glutton who eats ad nauseam is similarly deprecated. "Kashruth" is designed to help man eat normally and reasonably.

This Golden Rule of existence is the goal of the "Halachah", according to Maimonides. Man's behavior is diverted from the extremes. He is encouraged to develop sound and healthy habits of mind and body, in consideration of all of his human needs and in recognition of his total human structure. To the extent that he achieved this balanced existence, he acquires the attribute of holiness.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN**Eighth Service****Cantors:**

David Hostyk
Jordon Wouk
Jonathan Wouk
Hillel Ribner

Torah Reader

Noah Gurock

Breakfast Sponsor

Dr. Victor Wouk

**HEADLINES OF
JEWISH INTEREST****"Promise Her Anything:
But Give Her Dimona"**

The above caption may soon be heard and seen on radio and television as an advertisement for the first perfume manufactured in Israel. The perfume, named "Dimona", will be made from acacia and a variety of other local flower scents. A shipment of the perfume has already been sent to the United States and should be available shortly.

El Al Jets to Israel

The first direct, jet service between New York and Israel will be inaugurated by El Al Israel Airlines on January 5. The flight will leave New York every Thursday. The average flying time will be ten hours and fifty minutes. The planes will be the most advanced Boeing 707-430 intercontinental jets.

J.D.C. Adopts Budget of \$28,000,000

A budget of more than \$28,000,000 was adopted by the Joint Distribution Committee to aid 300,000 needy in some twenty five countries of Europe, North Africa, and the Near East. Four hundred delegates were at the forty-sixth annual meeting of the J.D.C. where the budget was adopted.

268 Jewish Day Schools in the U. S.

There are now 268 Day Schools operating in the United States under orthodox Jewish auspices. Twenty-two of them were opened this past September.

With three exceptions — Kansas City, Dallas and St. Paul — every city in the United States with a Jewish community of 10,000 or more, has at least one day school. There are fifteen communities with Jewish populations between 1,000 and 5,000 which also have such schools.

Diners Club opens Israel Branch

American tourists visiting in Israel will be pleased to know that Diners Club privileges will be honored at leading business establishments in that country.

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Joseph H. Lookstein	Rabbi
Haskel Lookstein	Ass't Rabbi
A. Joseph Cohen	Cantor
Israel D. Rosenberg	Ritual Director
Joseph Glatt	Exec. Director

Officers of the Congregation

Max J. Etra	President
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Joseph S. Gershman	Secretary
Elgin Shulsky	Pres., Men's Club
Mrs. Meyer Texon	Pres., Sisterhood

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 4:10
Evening 4:20

SATURDAY, SHABBAT CHANUKAH

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Weekly Portion: Miketz
Genesis 41.1-44.17
Numbers 7.24-29
Haftorah: Zechariah 2.14-4.7

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Teveth will be on
Monday, December 19 and Tues-
day, December 20.
Evening 4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:00

SUNDAY

Morning 8:30
Father-and-Son Minyan 9:30

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Evening 4:20

Yahrzeits

December

17-JACOB S. POFCHER
17-ABRAHAM JACOBS
17-JACOB RISKIN
19-JOSEPH SIEGEL
19-AMELIA LEVY
19-KATHERINE GREENFIELD
20-ETHEL GRONOWITZ
20-SAMUEL FRIEDMAN
20-JOSEPH LEVIN
21-JULIUS BAYER
21-SARAH FREEDMAN
22-GITEL BORNSTEIN
22-S. HERBERT GOLDEN
22-BESSIE FEINBERG
22-ETTA GOLDBERICH
23-SAMUEL H. GOLDE
23-RAY SCHULTZ

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Miketz, Genesis: 41.1-44.17

Joseph, formerly a slave, is called from prison to interpret two dreams of Pharaoh which allude to a seven year period of plenty to be followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh, impressed with the acumen of the young slave, makes him second in command in Egypt to supervise the planning for the famine.

In this capacity, Joseph eventually meets his brothers who come to purchase supplies. The resultant trials of the brothers and the involvement of Benjamin are known to all. The portion closes with Benjamin about to be interned, with Jacob suffering from great mental anguish, and with Judah about to deliver a stirring speech. The complete denouement must wait until next week.

The Divine Role

Running throughout the story is the thread of Divine deliverance of Joseph and punishment of the brothers. In the twentieth century, it is difficult to appreciate the miraculous nature of Joseph's ascent from slave to supreme ruler. It is almost inconceivable that such a rise could occur without a Divine plan. (For a very realistic, vivid and shattering description on the life of the slave in the ancient world, the reader is recommended to see the new film "Spartacus". It will add a new dimension to one's understanding of the Joseph story and the slavery of the Jews in Egypt. Ed. note)

The suffering of the brothers is similarly understandable as a very realistic punishment — "measure for measure" — for their treacherous treatment of Joseph. One suspects that their trials in Egypt are a means of purging them of their sins of childhood. Even a casual reading of their self-recriminations in this week's portion would seem to bear out this thesis.

A MODERN RITUALARIUM

is located in our community
at 158 West 97th Street
MONument 3-0300

K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY — 3:00 P.M.

K-J Juniors
Gymnasium

3:45 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class
The Commandments of Judaism

MONDAY — 11:00 A.M.

Women's Class in Prayer

8:00 P.M.

Am HaSefer Group II
Synagogue Library

TUESDAY - 8:30 P.M.

Chanukah Evening
Sponsored By
Men's Club and Sisterhood

WEDNESDAY - 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Hebrew for Beginners
Hebrew 2
Hebrew 3
Hebrew 4

AM HASEFER GROUP I DISCUSSES "MAGIC BARREL"

Group II to Meet Monday at 8:00

Group I of the Am Hasefer Program met last week to discuss Bernard Malamud's collection of short stories, entitled "The Magic Barrel". The spirited discussion, in which all participated, resulted in an increased understanding of the symbolism and allegories of the author.

Mr. Malamud was praised for his keen insight into human personality and his understanding of modern psychiatry and sociology. A serious criticism of the stories was expressed for the gloom and tragedy which dominated the book. It was felt by the discussants that this was excessive and rendered the stories out of balance in their treatment of life from a realistic point of view.

Group II will meet Monday evening at 8:00 in the synagogue library to discuss "God, Man, and History," by Eliezer Berkovits.