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Sabbath Services

Friday Evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO CONFIRMATION CLASS

RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

will speak on:

"WHO IS A GOOD JEW?"
"WHAT IS A GOOD CONGREGATION?"

Friday Evening, May 27, at 8 o'clock

FAREWELL SERMON

RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

will speak on:

"THIS I HAVE TRIED TO TEACH"

A Summary of Views and Opinions

Sabbath Morning Services

11:15 o'clock

May 21, at 11:15 o'clock

Bar Mitzvah of

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May 20

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SERMON NOTES

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

May 20

It is a lovely custom in our congregation for the Sisterhood and Men's Club to present to each member of the Confirmation Class a Bible or Prayerbook as a gift upon the occasion of confirmation. The thought behind the deed is that the sacred book shall bind the Confirmand to the congregation with ties of memory and sentiment, and shall provide him with a source of the basic values of Judaism.

From a knowledge of these values, the young person can shape and guide his life in the direction of high Jewish standards. There is much confusion as to what constitutes "a good Jew." The sermon will attempt to outline the values and the pattern of life whose pursuit would qualify one for the distinction of being called a good Jew.

There is the further question of what type of conduct and program is expected from a good congregation.

H.A.F.

THIS I HAVE TRIED TO TEACH

May 27

To compose a final sermon is a difficult thing. There is so much to say and suddenly no time left in which to say it all. There is also the added complication of sentiment and emotion, which seek expression.

I should like to leave behind, in capsule form, the essence of my teaching. The careful listener during the past three years has certainly realized by now that there are but a few root-themes which run through all my discourses. I have a few basic and fundamental beliefs which constitute my personal theology and philosophy. I have a few basic convictions about the essential meaning of Judaism.

It is the theme, the main motif, the quintessential thought, the radical-root concept which is important. If this has been transmitted, the preaching has been worthwhile. Let me, in this farewell sermon, attempt to summarize and thus to reinforce the basic credo.

H.A.F.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Saturday Morning, May 28, 1955, at 10:30 o'clock

Confirmation Reception

Parents of our Confirmands cordially invite their friends and relatives to a reception at the Jewish Community Center, 1400 N. Prospect Avenue, Saturday, May 28, from 3 until 5 o'clock.

CONFIRMATION CLASS—5715

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CONGRATULATE CONFIRMANDS WITH UNIONGRAMS

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday Evening, May 22, 1955

DINNER AT 6 o'clock

MEETING AND PROGRAM at 8 o'clock

ELECTION of OFFICERS and TRUSTEES

Report of President

Report of Rabbi

PRESENTATION OF DRAMALOGUE

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Sunday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m.

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I. We give you the Bible so
that you may have a source of
the basic values of Judaism

II. Let me anticipate by
outlining the qualities of the
good Jew - and your studies
in the Bible will confirm this outline.

III. First of all - what is he
not?

Read Poem of Adam Opter.

IV. Five Point Program for Good Jew

1. educated Jewishly (service we have just read illustrates importance of knowledge)
2. politically active - for rights of all men - along prophetic lines of social justice.
3. charitable - devoted to welfare of brethren, Jewish + human

"The Jew has suffered so much hurt, has endured so many injustices, experienced so completely the misery of life, that pity for the poor and humiliated has become second nature to him."

Edward Fley

4. religious - with some stringency
toward an understanding of God,
and some observance of forms &
rituals.

5. survivalist in orientation -

loyal, proud, aware of purpose
of continued Jewish existence, opposed
to assimilation.

Maimonides' Letter to Yemenites - 1172
(who were compelled to accept Islam or persecution)

It is your duty, O brothers of Israel,
who are scattered over the whole earth,
to strengthen one another. The older
should encourage the younger, and the
prominent men the multitude. The
nation should be united in the name of
truth, which does not change. Raise
your voice in strong faith, proclaiming to
all that God is One, that Moses is His
messenger.

That the Torah is the word of
the Creator. Keep ever in mind
the event on Mt. Sinai.

My brethren, rear your children
to understand that great event, the
first in which our faith turns, the
foundation that leads us to the truth.
Understand, my brethren, the meaning of
that covenant: The nation as a whole
witnessed the word of God and His
presence. This event should strengthen
our faith and enable us to resist
persecutions. Therefore, brethren, hold fast
to the covenant and be steadfast
in your faith.

A JEW AT HEART

By Rabbi Ahron Opher

I am a Jew and proud to let men know it...
How do I show it?
I can tell you at the start -
I am a Jew at heart....
Why, no! I do not go to synagogue service -
The sermons make me nervous.
Besides, my home is just as good a place to pray.
So why should I pay?
I don't believe in commercialized salvation,
So I don't belong to any congregation.
O no! We do not kindle Chanuko or Sabbath light.
Our children's pals don't enjoy the sight.
We don't observe the holy days or dietary laws
Nor post m-zuzos on our doors because
The children say that is antiquated stuff.
It is enough
We have a Christmas tree...
You see-
We like the presents and the carols and the mirth
And the "Peace on earth."
Such like no Jewish festivals provide.
But, believe me, we are Jews with pride.
Why, no! What for religious education?
The kids could learn to repeat the Kaddish recitation
Without the study of Hebrew or Jewish history
Or the superstitions of religious mystery.
Why teach them to feel different and set apart?
Let them just grow up as Jews at heart.
I don't belong to any Jewish club or organization
I haven't got the time or the inclination.
I don't subscribe to Jewish periodicals or books.
The less I read that stuff, the brighter the world looks.
I rarely make a contribution
To a philanthropic institution.
Charity begins at home, I feel -
I pay no heed to any lachrymose appeal
For Palestine or Europe's Jews or of the earth's far corners.
I am an American. Why bother about foreigners?
As I told you from the start-
I am a Jew at heart.

Liberal Judaism.

A SPECIAL SERVICE ON TORAH
Prepared by Rabbi Ahron Opher
South Shore Temple
Chicago, Illinois

OPENING HYMN

READER

O Thou who hast lifted man from the depths and hast made him to share in Thy conscious intelligence, rouse us from our lethargy and self complacency, and spur us on to increasing awareness of Thy wisdom and light. Smite us with the conviction that ignorance is sin. May we never cease to seek knowledge and pursue truth. May we ever offer ourselves as instruments of Thy spirit in bringing order and light out of chaos and darkness.

(Congregation rises)

READER, CONGREGATION AND CHOIR

Borchu es adonoi ham'voroach.

Praise ye the Lord to whom all praise is due.

Boruch adonoi ham'voroach l'olom vo'ed.

Praised be the Lord to whom all praise is due, forever and ever.

READER, CONGREGATION AND CHOIR

Shema yisroel adonoi elohenu adonoi echod

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God the Lord is one.

Boruch shem K'vod malchuso l'olom vo'ed

Praised be His name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

(Congregation is seated)

CONGREGATION AND READER

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all Thy soul and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee are the beginning of wisdom. They will increase from generation to generation and fill thy storehouse of knowledge and truth, a possession unto thee and thy descendants. They will ever be upon thy heart and thou shalt study them in youth, in maturity and in old age, in school, in temple and at home. Thou shalt make learning the habit of thy life as it has been the pursuit of thy fathers, that thy days may be bright with the light of reason and thy home radiant with the glow of wisdom. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, that their souls be nurtured and their minds be sustained with thine heritage of truth. To the end that it may be preserved and enriched and bequeathed to generations yet to come, and that Israel may be a teacher of God's word to mankind.

RESPONSIVE READING

Reader: Man is wise as long as he seeks wisdom; when he thinks he has attained it, he is stupid.

Congregation: Better is a poor and wise man than a rich but ignorant king who knows not how to learn any more.

Reader: Thorns and thistles need neither plowing or sowing; they grow by themselves. Not so wheat and corn. Much labor is needed to grow them.

Congregation: Thus ignorance needs no cultivation or training, it grows of itself. But how much instruction and exercise is needed for the attainment of wisdom!

Reader: Wisdom does not come to a man by accident; it cannot be indeed acquired except through much study and great effort.

Congregation: Scholars are esteemed higher than priests. No ignorant man can be truly religious.

Reader: Provide thyself with a teacher, acquire a companion for study and judge all men in the scale of merit.

Congregation: He who does not study lives in a world of darkness.

Reader: Let thy house be a meeting place of scholars, and quench thy thirst for knowledge with their words.

Congregation: There is no other road to salvation, save through enlightenment.

Reader: Study is greater than religious practice or prayer, for without study there is neither faith nor work.

Congregation: On earth there is nothing great but man, in man there is nothing great but mind; but mind untutored is a fallow field which groweth only thistles and weeds.

Reader: The age of study is the whole of man's life.

CHOIR

Mee Chomocho

READER

"Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children". Learning is the shield of Israel, education is his fortress. Torah is the soul of Israel, the lantern that lighted his tortuous course through history, the key to the secret of his survival. Torah is the whole spirit of Israel - his lore and learning, art and ethics, wit and wisdom, life and letters.

Thine, O God, is the light that shines forth from the pages of the holy writ. Thine is the voice that echoes from the words of the prophets, from the Psalmists' songs and the sages' precepts. Thine is the eternal spirit that pervades the writings of the teachers of all ages, the spirit that conquers the sword. Thy wisdom is the gift that still is a gain when all else is a loss. Thy treasure house is open to every man and every generation to garner and delight in, to enrich, to ennoble and to sanctify human life. Give us the will to seek and pursue Thy light and Thy truth in the records of the inspired teachers of all ages. Grant us the patience and devotion to things of the spirit and the love of study, which was the mark of Israel's character throughout the ages, that we may learn to fill our hearts with the joy of knowledge, illumine our minds with the light of truth, and enrich our lives with the abundance of Thy wisdom. Teach us to learn Thy word, O God.

V'shomru

RESPONSIVE READING

- Reader: The time has come to take the Book in our hands.
- Congregation: The people of the Book, alas, has neglected the Book, almost spurned it.
- Reader: The Jewish mind has lain fallow; for lack of spiritual nourishment, the Jewish soul is starved.
- Congregation: Let us return to the Book which we have forgotten! Let us reclaim its treasures and recapture its spirit.
- Reader: Let us regain our millennial passion for learning and repossess our fervor for knowledge.
- Congregation: Ours is the way of the Book, the small still voice of the spirit, the vision before the act, the thought before the utterance.
- Reader: But the voice of ignorance is the empty clamor of arrogance, the sterile cloud which bears no rain.
- Congregation: We who are driven with the rushing crowd, to whom the mere running is of greater consequence than the destination, let us retire!
- Reader: Let us retire to our corner awhile and reflect upon the great heritage of the mind which is ours.
- Congregation: Let us learn again to think, lest our souls dry up and wither.
- Reader: Let us cleanse the dust from our ancestral treasures and make them again our living possession.
- Congregation: Let us return to the Book.

CONGREGATION AND READER

O Lord, open our eyes that we may see and welcome all truth whether shining from the annals of ancient revelations or reaching us through the seers of our own time; for Thou hidest not Thy light from any generation of Thy children that yearn for Thee and seek Thy guidance. We pray for the masters and teachers in Israel that they may dispense Thy truth with earnestness and Zeal, yet not without charity. May the law of love be found on their lips and may they by precept and example lead many in the ways of righteousness. Amen.

READER

Should you wish to know the source
From which your tortured brothers
In evil days drew their strength
To meet their fate;
In flames, on stakes, to die with joy,
And with a whisper: "God is one",
To close their lip? -
Then go and see the House of God,
The House of Study, old and gray,
In sultry summer days and gloomy winter nights,
Perchance there is a remnant yet,
Perchance your eye may still behold
In some dark corner, hid from view,
A cast off shadow of the past,
The profile of some pallid face
Upon an ancient book inclined,
Who seeks to drown unspoken woes
Upon the Torah's boundless waves.

SILENT PRAYER

MAY THE WORDS

