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#### WHAT IS THE S. A. J.

The Society for the Advancement of Judalam was founded in New York City in 1922 by Dr. Mordeeni M. Kaplan. The Society was established in the belief that the future of Judalam depended on something more than an acceptable ideology. The significance of creating a Jewish atmosphere, social contact and interaction, was emphasized. In addition, however, it was Dr. Kaplan's purpose to teach a new conception of Judalam which had its roots in tradition, but which was adjusted to the best thought of the present day.

Since 1922 The Society for the Advancement of Judaism has primarily appropried the efforts of Dr. Kaplan in his attempt to disseminate his philosophy. By granting to him and subsequently to his successor, Dr. Ira Eisenstein, an absolutely free pulpit, the members of the Society have enabled there to give expression to every phase of their philosophy. The results of their preaching and teaching in the institution have been crystallized in Kapan's published works, "Judaism As A Civilitation," "Judaism In Transition," "The Meaning of God in Modern Jewish Religion," and "The Future of The American Jew." Dr. Eisenstein published a volume in 1936, entitled "Creative Justalam," which presents in popular form the satient id-as of "Judaism As A Civilization." He also p-blished "What We Moun By Religion," which is a simplified precentation of "The Meaning of God in Modern Jewish Religion."

The Society furthermore has sponsored the publication of the "S. A. J. Review," a weekly magazine devoted to the dissemination of Dr.

Kaplan's views. The "S. A. J. Review" suspended publication in 1929, but in January, 1935, the Society made possible the establishment of "The Reconstructionist," a bi-weekly devoted to the application of the philosophy of "Judaism As A Civilization" to the events of the current scene. In this second effort to spread the philosophy of The Society for the Advancement of Judaism, Dr. Kaplan was joined by a group of rabble, educators and social workers.

Members of the S. A. J. have been instrumental in founding the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc., established for the purpose of spreading the influence of the Reconstructionist philosophy and program.

The Society conducts a Symagogue, an elementary Hebrew School, confirmation classes, youth groups and adult education courses for its local membership. Through these various channels experiments are constantly being performed with a view to incorporating the basic postulates of Reconstructionism.

If you are interested in membership, or in a special non-resident membership, write to Dr. Iva Eisenstein, 15 West Eighty-Sixth Screet, New York, 24, N. Y.

#### INTRODUCTION TO RECONSTRUCTIONISM

#### **Foreword**

It has never been so hard to be a Jew as it is in our time. We Jews are at the mercy of external forces which tend to reduce our people to mere human rubble. We suffer, also, from an internal malady which is rapidly paralyzing the nerve centers of Judaism. And yet, Jewish life, with its long tradition of ethical and spiritual striving, might well be capable of serving as the exemplar of a new era in the art of human cooperation.

We Jews, then, must try to discover why so many of us do not wish to be Jews, why some of us no longer find any spiritual inspiration in the Jewish religion. We must try to determine why many Jews seek to escape, why they are dissatisfied, anhappy, restless, ridden by doubts, by feelings of inferiority, by self-hats.

We of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement are trying to face these problems boldly and frankly. Though we are fully aware of the stampede

from Jewish life on the part of large numbers, we believe that this flight can be stopped. We know that there are many Jews who desire to continue to share their common past, to assume mutual responsibility in the present, and to work together for the best kind of future for the entire Jewish people. If these Jews in whom the will to Jewish survival is still strong be mobilized and induced to rethink the problem of Judaism, if the energies of Judaism can be re-directed toward some worthwhile goal, then the Jewish people is bound to have a new lease on life. It is these tasks that Reconstructionism has set before itself. How these tasks are conceived and how they can be carried out can perhaps be made clear in the following series of questions and answers.

# The Need for Resonstruction

Q. Why do we instit upon the need to reconstruct Jewish life?

A. We believe that Jewish survival can be secured only if Jews face the realities of Jewish life. We must realize that the cid consitions of Jewish living no longer prevail. Jews must be prepared to adjust Jewish living to conditions never before encountered in their long history.

Q. What are these new conditions under which Jews live?

A. Jews in the Western world were emancipated from ghetto life about one hundred and fifty years ago. The segregated and unified existence of their own kehillah (community) came to an end. Jews were catapulted into modern civilization. They had, therefore, little or no preparation for avoiding its pitfalls and enjoying its glories. They were granted civil and political rights, which, at least in theory, gave them equality with all other citizens. Naturally, they were expected to assume the same responsibilities as non-Jewish ritizens. In fact, the majority desired avidly to do so. This acceptance of Western citizenship presented the Jew with a new problem in his life-how to continue his Jewish life in a dominantly 10n-Jewish civilization.

There is still another unprecedented condition which has revolutionized Jewish life. In the Western world the impact of modern science and modern thought has weakened, and in many cases destroyed, the belief in the supernatural origin of religion. This trend affected the Jewish religion as well. Many Jews began to find it impossible to believe in the divine authority of Jewish law and in the literal interpretation of the miracles recorded in the Bible. Thus we may say that the incorporation of the Jews into Western nations together with the growing skeptical attitude toward revealed religion has shaken modern Jewish life to its foundations.

Q. How did the Jewn live before the Emancipation?

A. In all their internal relations, the Jews were governed by the laws of the Torah, the religious law, which was supreme. The authority of the rabbis was unquestioned, their decisions final. The Jewish community was recognized by the state as a unified, autonomous entity, and most Jews had little or no contact with the outside world and with the currents of thought then permeating human life.

#### Q. How has the Emancipation affected Jewish life?

A. Jews constitute a small minority within the civilization of the countries where they live. Thus, it is exceedingly difficult for them to resist the attraction of the common culture. In former days, as we have seen, Jews lived the part of a nation in exile. But this is no longer possible, nor do Jews desire it. It is our duty, as loyal citizens, to contribute to the primary culture and to participate in the affairs of the nation to which we owe our devoted allegiance. We are no longer governed by Jewish law in secular matters. We do not have an exclusively Jewish education. We can count for Jewish survival only on those Jews who do not wish to lose nor to destroy the continuity of Jewish life, on those who wish to keep as much of our tradition and our own way of life as is compatible with modern democratic civilization.

Q. How have modern attitudes toward religion affected Jewish life?

A. Religion has always been the most conspicuous and significant aspect of Jewish life. It was the unifying force for all Jews. With the growing doubts concerning the miraculous
origin of all religion, the Jewish religion has begun to suffer from serious
defections. In addition, many Jews
have decided that it is easier to
achieve high position in the community if one professes the dominant
religion. Thus, Jewish unity has been
weakened and Jewish life, as it was
lived in the past, has broken down.

De Q. What has been the result of this breakdown in Jewish life?

A. There is much confusion, bewilderment and bitterness among Jewish organizations. Jews find it increasingly difficult to anders and and work with one another. These are Jews who still insist on the surreme authority of the Torah in every hase of human life. There are others who go to the other extreme and deny the need for any religion. Between these views, we find Jews who emphasize one or another solution. Some Eclieve that humanism, others that internationalism, secular-national sm, or defense Jewish civil rights will solve the Jewish problem. Each of a multiplicity of

organizations claims to hold the key to Jewish survival.

#### Some Proposed Solutions

Q. Have any efforts been made to bring order into modern Jewish life?

A. There have been several attempts such as Reform Judaism, Conservative Judaism, Neo-Orthodoxy, secular nationalism. The first three have assumed that the Jewish people exists mainly for the purpose of exemplifying Jewish religion. As a result they tend to treat Jewish life piecemeal instead of organically. They fail to see the interdependence of the structure of the Jewish people, its nationhood, its communal organization, its creative self-expression and its religion. The secular rationalists, on the other hand, have no interest in religion at all. They try to meet the issue in one of two wars. Some seek to meet it through the establishment of an independent modern Jewish nation in Palestine without giving any thought at all to Jewish life outside of Palestine. Others, especially those who advocate emphasizing Yiddish culture, treat the Jewish people as consisting of a minority nationality group united by a secular culture based mainly on the Yiddish language.

Some good has been accomplished through these attempts. However, the leaders of these movements have not been able to build any substitute for the unity of the old Jewish community and the traditional Jewish religion. There is still no democratically constituted authority which can be considered the authentic voice of the Jewish people.

Q. How does Reconstructionism differ from those other proposed solutions?

A. Reconstructionism views Judaism as a dynamic religious civilization
with all that that term implies. Like
all other civilizations: Judaism has its
roots in a land; for the Jews that land
is Palestine. Judaism possesses a continuing history, a living language, a
voluminous literature, a common religion, folkways folk tradition, law and
various arts. Therefore, Jews in
America can be won to Judaism if
they are shown how so live in two civilizations, the Jewish and the American, at one and the same time.

Q. Why is Judaism a "religious" civilization?

A. Judaism has always emphasized the role of religion in Jewish life. Religion is the effort of men to experience life as worth living. This is impossible if we think of life as governed merely by mechanical forces or pure chance. Life makes sense only if we think of it as governed by a spiritual Power that makes for beauty, truth and goodness as the fulfillment of our deepest wants. That is why we believe in God. Since Jewish civilization has always striven to bring the life of the Jewish people into conformity with the law of God as they understood it, Judaisrs is a religious civilization.

# Q. Why is Judaism dynamie?

A. Judaism is dynamic because it adjusts itself creatively to changing conditions. In the past, it borrowed from other cirllizations whatever would help it to make life better for the Jewish people and for the world. Jews tried to discover in every new experience what it had to teach them and they gave appropriate expression

to those new insights in their law, literature, ritual and social institutions. Thus, despite the ravages of time. Judaism has always been harmonious with the life of each generation, and has always helped Jews to live a worthwhile life and to make a worthy contribution to all human civilization.

# The Reconstructionist Program

Reconstructionism offers a new approach to Jewish living in America. It is a movement indigenous to America and wholly compatible with American democratic civilization. Reconstructionism represents an earnest attempt to ensure Jewish survival, both physical and spiritual, by indicating how to live a maximum Jewish life within the setting of a modern democratic state. It is the only movement in Jewish life today which tries to solve the problem of living in two civilizations at the same time.

Q. Has Jewish life been reconstructed before our time?

A. Yes. Reconstruction is not a radical departure. Whenever Judaism had to adjust itself to unprecedented conditions, it underwent changes which naturally were reflected in its ideas and institutions. Let us take one example. When the Kingdom of Judah lost its independence and the Temple was destroyed, the Jews of that time felt that Judaism was lost. The gods of Babylon, they believed, had won a decisive victory over their God. But the Prophets taught otherwise. Under the guidance of prophets like Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the so-called second Isaiah, the Jews were taught that Israel's God was in fact the God of the whole world. This was a great deviation from the tribal conception that God was the God of the Israelites alone. The Prophets also taught that God could be worshiped anywhere and that He would send a righteous king to redeem Israel, a Messiah, who would rule so justly and in accordance with God's laws that the nations would voluntarily subject themselves to Israel's law and adere Israel's God. These teachings led to the development of a new kind of state headed by a high priest and governed according to God's revealed law. Thus the Torah became the legal instrument of the second Jewish Commonwealth. something which it had not been under the Davidic dynasty. One must study Jewish history to see other instances of the reconstruction of Judaism. The very fact that Judaism has always been able to meet new issues should give us courage and faith in reconstructing it to satisfy present needs.

Q. What must be the basis of reconstructing Jewish life in the present crisis?

A. In this new era we should continue to emphasize that men can and must obey the law of God, but the law should not be regarded as being confined to any ove book or any set of books. It can be discovered in every; thing that makes for a happier and better world. Jewish I fe should be reconstructed along democratic lines. Unity should be based on voluntary cooperation for commen interests and purposes rather than on an enforced conformity with traditional laws, customs and rites assumed to possess supernatural saaction. All matters which affect the Jewsh people as a whole must be decided by the community as a whole by majority rule after previous free and unfettered

discussion. But all matters which do not require collective action by the community, such as the expression and practice of religion, must be treated in a way that permits full freedom of conscience without the application of any social pressure for conformity.

Q. What areas of Jewish life are the concern of the Reconstructionist movement?

A. Reconstructionism, because it views Judaism as a civilization, is interested in all aspects of Jewish life. Its specific program in America is to aid in the establishment of Palestine as the Jewish National Homeland; to strive for the reorganization of the American Jewish community on a representative democratic basis; to advocate the use of measures to re-vitalize the Jewish religion so that it will correspond to what modern Jews believe and so that it may express their living faith; to help in re-directing Jewish education to meet today's conditions; to encourage Jewish cul-tural creativity in literature and the arts, and to insist upon the participation of Jews in all activities and social movements which enhance the ideals of democracy and American civilization and which seek to extend freedom, justice, equality, peace and plenty to all men and all nations.

#### Palestine

- Q. Why is the Reconstructionist program predicated upon the establishment of Palestine as the Jewish National Home?
- A. Every American Jew shares and should share the common civilization of America. In addition, American Jews must maintain Jewish civilization. Since Jews are a minority of the population, they are at a natural disadvantage. The Hebrew language, Jewish law, Jewish education, Jewish religion must all function in addition to and not in substitution for American civilization. The difficulties of maintaining Jewish evilization simultaneously with the civilization share with our non-lewish neighbors make necessary the re-enforcement of Judaism from a center where Jewish civilization is dominant because Jews are in the majority. Palestine is historically the Jewish National Home-

land and must be the place where Judaism can develop as the primary civilization of the land. In Palestine, Jewish life will be self-determined and free from the necessity of adjusting itself to any other civilization. A Jewish Commonwealth should fulfill the highest aspirations of Jews everywhere and must be built upon firm foundations of social, political and economic justice. It must serve as an example of the best in the ethical tradition of Judaism and become not only the cultural center of Jewry but a moral force in all Jewish life.

#### Community

Q. Why is it necessary to organize the American Jewish Community?

A. Jewish community life in America, and in fact, everywhere else except Palestine, has become fragmentized. For most Jews in America, Jewish life mears giving a contribution for some Jewish "cause," or going to synagogue twice or three times a year, or supporting an organization which is fighting anti-Semitism. For many Jews, there is no interest in Jewish life, nothing establishing

bonds of unity, nothing to make a Jew wish to remain a Jew, to make Jewishness a happy experience.

Q. What does the individual Jew seek from a Jewish life?

A. The individual Jew desires a sense of status. He wishes to belong to a group that cares about him. He wishes to achieve status and to have the Jewish people achieve it. He desires, also, a feeling of self respect and wants his people to be respected. He is eager to acquire a feeling of permanence, a realization that his life on earth has some lasting value. He wishes Jewish community life to be on so high a level that he will be proud to be identified with it. A democratically organized Jewish community, representing all Jews who wish to be identified as Jews, can give to the individual and to the Jewish people as a whole all of these things.

Q. How does the Reconstructionist movement envisage the reorganization of the Jewish community of America?

A. The Jewish community is really a branch of the Lewish people. It should be representative of every element in the community and should bring out the very best there is in its individual members. Reconstructionism recommends that the organizations and associations of the community be organized into a federation or a Jewish community council. The representatives of these organizations, democratically elected, shall be the spokesmen and executive agents of the Jews in the community. All communal activities shall be directed under the aegis of the Jewish community.

Q. What are some of the functions of the Jewish community?

A. The community should supervise all fund-raising for local communal purposes, for the upbuilding of Palestine and for the relief of Jews in distress anywhere in the world. It should administer funds raised for common local purposes It should direct all activities in which the Jewish community is interested, provide for the training of men and women for work in Jewish fields, such as social workers, educators, community center workers, rabbis, cantors. It should

turn its attention to all Jewish problems such as anti-Semitism, economic maladjustments, the overcoming of physical, mental and social handicaps. it should establish courts of arbitration to settle disputes between Jews without resort to civil courts, maintain Jewish employment agencies, set up bureaus of education, vocational guidance commissions, etc. It should maintain places of worship, assume responsibility for Jewish education, encourage Jewish literary and artistic effort, and insist upon a high standard of ethics among Jews. These are some of the duties of the Jewish community.

Q. What should be done about organizations which are national and international in scope?

A. Such organizations should also be organized on a federation basis. For example, Zionism, care of refugees, overseas relief are matters of international concern Higher Jewish education, fighting auti-Semitism are national concerns. The agencies that deal with these matters should be working together and not at cross purposes nor wholly independently.

Such national organizations should be united into a body consisting of democratically elected representatives to which shall be added representatives of the local Jewish communities of America. This body should maintain continuous contact with corresponding Jewish organizations in other countries.

Q. What would be the effect of community organization?

A. Jewry, for the first time since the abolition of the autonomous Jewish community, would have a structural form enabling it to function as a civilization. It would give the individual Jew states as a member of a religio-cultural group. Authority and responsibility for all collective action would be vested in the rank and file of Jewry and delegated by it to a responsible leadership. Participation in Jewish life would be worth while to the individual Jew because he would be part of a collective effort to attain all that makes for human fulfillment.

#### Education.

Q. What direction shall the reconstruction of Jewish education take?

A. Civilizations perpetuate them-selves by transmitting their acquired culture and ideals to each generation in such ways that the individual desires to be identified with the group-This process is called education. Jewish education, to be effective today. must give to the next generation the knowledge of the past so that the individual may be equipped to live in the present and to meet the problems of the foreseeable future. However, though the Jewish past must be taught, cognizance must be taken of the conditions under which Jewish life is lived today. Education must provide for adjustment to changed conditions.

Q. What are some of the elements of Jewish education?

A. Education includes every aspect of Jewish culture such as the Hebrew language, religion, literature, contemporary Jewish problems, music, the arts. We must remember, however, that Jewish education begins in the home. Impressions gained in the home and the influence of the home environment generally remain with the adult. The home, therefore, should be distinctively Jewish. Observances such as Kashrut, celebration of the Sabbath and festivals, home devotions should be practiced in a manner that would render them meaningful for life today. For example, Pesah, the festival of freedom, should be related to the fight for freedom everywhere in the world. Hanukkah, representing the fight for religious freedom should be ellied with the fight for religious freedom everywhere in the world. In addition, every possible means should be utilized to give the Jewish home an atmosphere that is culturally and esthetically Jewish such as the use of Jewish books, music, magazines, pictures, furnishings, resords.

Jewish education, of course, should not be confined to the home. Some regular portion of the time of every adult and every child should be devoted to attaining knowledge of matters of Jewish interest. To create the necessary educational facilities is the respensibility of the Jewish community. To use them, is the responsibility of every Jew.

Religion

Q. Reconstructionism advocates the reinterpretation of the Jewish religion. Why is this necessary?

A. Traditional religions are everywhere losing their hold on people. This is because they seem unrelated to the needs and problems of modern life. Moreover, they include many ideas which have been proved erroneous by modern thought. But it is true that people in ancient times underwent experiences similar to our own. Birth, marriage, death, the struggle for a livelihood, conflicts between liberty and despotism, letween selfishness and unselfishness, are experiences which are the same in all ages. While men in the part thought and felt about these matte s as profoundly as we do today, they lived in a different world and thought in different terms. That maces it difficult for us to understand the implications of their thinking. But it' we mentally reconstruct their worle and translate what remains true in their thought into modern terms, we can make the

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tradition of the past help us to live in the present. We must view religion not as a supernaturally revealed creed or code of laws but as the affirmation of the worthwhileness of life, as the search for a sincere faith through which to activate the desire to make the most of one's life. That means that we must make Jewish religion relevant both to the personal life of the Jew and to Jewish living in two civilizations. The indifference to the Jewish religion on the part of many Jews is due to the fact that it is identilled in their minds with some particular doctrine to which they cannot intellectually subscribe.

Q. How can we re-vitalize Jewish religion?

A. We must realize that religion is the soul of the Jewish civilization. It lives and grows as Jewish civilization lives and grows. Religion must be reinterpreted in every generation so that it fits the needs of that generation. As we have pointed out, this is not new. Jewish religion has always re-vitalized itself by changing its beliefs and practices, discarding some and taking on others. The object was always to render life in general and Jewish existence in particular inherently worth while.

Such elements of the Jewish tradition as no longer fit the democratic tradition, for example the inferior status of the woman, should be discarded. At the same time, we must develop types of observances, devotional literature, sancta, which shall give religious significance to our experiences unprovided for by tradition. Furthermore, if we wish to keep religion vital for our day, we must keep religious thought free and untrammeled. We must not try to enforce standardized ritual practices or regimented religious thinking. Naturally, as much as possible of tradition should not only be retained but rendered meaningful for today. But, if we remember that the true function of religion is to influence the worshiper to harmorize his life with God as the Power that makes for self-realization, we will indeed make religion a positive force in the life of the individual Jew.

#### The Arts

Q. What does Reconstructionism

propose for the cultivation of the

A. There have always been art forms in Jewish life, such as music, literature, the dance, drama. The graphic arts were not emphasized because until modern times all art was religious, and the representation of deity in art forms was considered idolatrous from the viewpoint of Jewish religion. However, all through Jewish civilization beautiful art obects were made, such as ornaments for the Torah, candelabra, Kiddush cups and the like. All Jewish artists should be encouraged and stimulated to express their creativity within the sphere of Jewish civilization. Jewish artists can find much inspiration for emotional expression if they are encouraged to develop an interest in Jewish life. We must help them through every means such as subsidies, scholarships, art exhibit, contests, etc.

# American Civilization

Q. What has Reconstructionism to say concerning Jewish participation

A. The improvement of human relations has always been a major interest of Jewish civilization. The concepts of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are based on the Jewish view that mankind is one and must learn to transcend the differences that exist among its races, peoples and religions. Judaism sees in the brotherhood of man a cooperative effort to make a better life for all men. Jews must strive for the establishment of a social order that provides for the maximum of human cooperation and the maximum of personal liberty. All Jawish institutions must sensitize Jews to those social evils that impede the realization of this vision. Any civilization which does not try to eradicate poverty, corruption, exploitation, discrimination, disease, violence and war is a barbarism. Jewish communities must cooperate with all elements of the general population in furthering all movements which have is their purpose the extermination of these evils. Jews must do this, not only for the honor of the Jewish name, but as an exemplification of the age old Jewish traditional belief in the dignity and the inviolability of each human soul.

#### Conclusion

We, of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement, have tried to give you a glimpse of what we mean by the Reconstructionist philosophy and program. We are aware that for every single question we have answered there are at least two new questions which come to your mind. We are convinced, however, that further study of Reconstructionism will prove that it is capable of infusing American Jewry with renewed vigor. We believe that by sharing our appreach you will find satisfaction and happiness in Jewish living, and, at the same time, you will be discharging fully your responsibility of American citizenship in the difficult days that lie ahead.

We are convinced, too, that within the body of American Jowry there exist potentialities for greatness and creativity as yet untapped. And we have faith that American Jews can and will employ these potentialities to meet the unprecedented challenge of

our times.

# JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST FOUNDATION

The Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation is the administrative agency of the Reconstructionist Movement. At the present time the Foundation

Publishes The Reconstructionist — a bi-weekly magazine, published from October to June (20 issues).

Publishes hooks, which help to vitalize Jewish religious life.

Publishes pamphlets expounding the Reconstructionist attitude toward the community, toward Palestine, toward Jewish education, religion and culture.

Publishes syllabi and other materials for study.

Sponsors the Jewish Reconstructionist Fellowship for the purpose of advancing Judaism as a dynamic religious civilization.

Sponsors the Reconstructionist Youth Fellowship which has the objective of preparing its members for intelligent participation in the life of the American Jewish community. The Jewish Reconstructionist Fellowship

The Fellowship is designed to implement the following six-point program of Reconstructionism:

 The upbuilding of Palestine as the hub of Jewish civilization.

2) The enrichment of Jewish cultural content.

 Raising of the ethical standards of Jewish life.

 The purification and intensification of Jewish religion.

5) The achievement of sewish status and organic community.

6) The performance of the duties and responsibilities of American democratic citizenship.

The Fellowship should appeal to rabbis and laity alike, because it is intended to function through the Synagogue and to strengthen it. The Fellowship does not compete with nor supersede any existing rabbinic, or congregational organization. In fact, it has brought new life to those organizations. The basic approach is to mobilize men and women who possess missionary zeal for Judeism among Jews, and who would be willing to

subscribe to a maximum Judaism compatible with the American environment.

In every congregation there are undoubtedly a number of such men and women who could form a nucleus of a Chapter. Such a nucleus could build a Chapter of the Fellowship around itself.

A Chapter need not necessarily be rooted in a congregation. Any group of Jews who are willing to subscribe to the Reconstructionist program and who will accept the requirements of membership may form a Chapter.

# The Jewish Reconstructionist Youth Fellowship

The Reconstructionist Youth Fellowship is open to Jewish young men and women in the age group of 20-30. Admission is by application only, and applicants are considered on the basis of educational qualifications, community affiliations, interest in Jewish life. and potentialities for leadership.

The Fellowship is set up in chapters in various parts of the country. A course of study in Judaism and contemporary Jewish problems is prepared for Institute members. The chapters meet regularly for study, action, and consideration of Jewish problems. Action projects are set up.

## Reconstructionist Literature

The Reconstructionist, a bi-weekly magazine devoted to the exposition of the Reconstructionist philosophy as applied to current problems and events.

# Books

Judaism As A Civilization, by Mordecai M. Kaplan, the basic text of the Reconstructionist philosophy. (Out of print)

Judaism in Transition, by Mordecai M. Kaplan \$3.00

The Meaning of God im Modern Jewish Religion, by Morwecai M. Kaplan \$3.00

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- To Be or Not To Be a Jew, by Milton Steinberg
- 4. Toward a Guide for Jewish Ritual Usage (Out of print
- Zionism (two articles) Zionism and the New Opposition, by Milton Steinberg.

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 Jewish Survival and Its Opponents, by Mordecai M. Kaplan.

 The Freedom to be Jews, by Mordecai M. Kaplan.

8. The Reconstructionist Platform.

 Introduction to Reconstructionism, by Hannah L. Goldberg.

What Is Jewish Religion?, by Eugene Kohn

 Interfaith Relations and How to Improve Them, by Ira Eisenstein.

 The Reconstructionist Movement (in Yiddish) by Mordecai M. Kaplan.

 Zionism Explained, a question and answer pamphlet containing over 160 questions and answers on the Zionist movement. 3,60 per copy;
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 The Common Sense of Religious Faith, by Milton Steinberg.

16. Is the Diaspora in Abnormality? by Eugene Kohn:

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# CRITERIA OF JEWISH LOYALTY

In view of the changed conditions in Jewish life, the criterion of loyalty to Judaism can no longer be the acceptance of a creed, but the experience of the need to have one's life envished by the Jewish heritage.

In being dedicated to the advancement of Judaism as a modern religious civilization, we subscribe to the following thirteen wants.

- 1. We want Judaism to help us to evercome temptation, doubt and discouragement.
- 2. We want Judaism to imbur us with a sense of responsibility for the righteons use of the biessings wherewith God endows us.
- 2. We want the Jews so to be trusted that his yes will be taken as yes, and his nay as any.
- 4. We want to learn how to utilize our leisure to best advantage physically, intellect-unity and spiritually.
- 5. We want the Jewish some to live up to
- We want the Jewish upbringing of our children to further their moral and spiritual growth and to enable them to accept with joy their heritage as Jews.
- 7. We want the synagomic to enable us to worship God in siaccrity and in truth.
- 8. We want our religious traditions to be interpreted in terms of understandable experi-

ence and to be made relevant to our present

- We want to participate in the upbuilding of Erez Yiernel as a means to the renaissance of the Jewish spirit.
- We want Judalam to find rich, manifold and ever new expression in philosophy, in letters, and in the arts.
- 11. We want all forms of Jewish organization to make for spiritual purpose and ethical endeavor.
- 12. We want the unity of Israel throughout the world to be fostered through mutual help in time of need, and through cooperation in the furtherance of Judaism at all times.
- 13. We want Judaism to function as a potent influence for Justice, freedom and peace in the life of men and nations.

# RECONSTRUCTIONISM IN ACTION

# WHAT RECONSTRUCTIONISTS ARE EXPECTED TO DO:

To provide their children with an intensive Jewish training, which should continue far into the years of adolescence.

To affiliate with communal organizations which are essential to the continuance of Jewish life in the Diaspora, such as federations, congregations and educational associations.

To take an active part in the restoration of Palestine by giving it both material and moral support.

To foster the cultivation and growth of the Rebrew language and literature

To encourage in the Jewish school and pulph the revaluation of Israel's past in terms of the present-day world outlook.

To devote some time each week to individual study and group discussion of the ethical aspect of all problems touching human life.

To translate their ethical ideals into actual conduct in their home life, in their dealings with their neighbors, in their work and in their play.

### SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND PROUPS

Intensification of Jewish home life.

(a) Observe the ceremonies — Sabbath, Festival, Kashrut and Prayer—in as impressive and beautiful a manner as possible.

- (b) Indicate a positive interest in the child's progress in Hebrew School. Arrange for a children's story hour on Sabbaths and holidays, and provide for the discussion of events of Jewish interest.
- (c) Encourage the use of Jewish songs at home on Sabbath and festival gatherings.
- (d) Arrange for regular purchasing of books in English pertaining to Jewish life: e.g., subscribe to the Jewish Publication Society.
- (e) Subscribe to some good Jewish mag-
- (f) Build up a Jewish library for your child at home.
- (g) Introduce Into the home original art works or reproductions dealing with Jewish themes. Utilize the industrial and ast products of Palestine.
- II. Organization of study and discussion units engaging in some of the following activities:

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- (a) Study of Hebrew language and literature.
- (b) Study of Jewish History from the modern point of view.
- (e) Study of contemporary Jewish problems and events, e.g., modern thought in Jewish life, the problem of religion, the Jew in economics and culture.
- (d) Consideration of present day ethical problems.

- (e) Discussion of the outstanding Jewish book of the month.
- III. Cultivation of the aesthetic phase of Jewish life.
  - (a) Introduce congregational singing in religious services and publishing of phonograph records.
  - (b) Organize a creative young-folks group to express itself Jewishly through creation of art objects and designs of a Jewish character.
  - (c) Arrange for an exhibition of art objects dealing with Jewish themes.
  - (d) Arrange for annual exhibition of art objects and industrial products of Palesting.
  - (e) Organize a dramatic unit to produce plays in either English, Hebrew or Violish.
  - (f) Organize Jewish choral units and arrangement of concerts of Jewish music.
  - (g) Conduct a public forum which will concern itself with topics of Jewish interest.
  - (h) Stimulate the production of new Jewish music or Jewish art by offering some munificent award.
- Participation in Jewish esemmunal life here and abroad, and working for the upbuilding of Palestine.
  - (a) Engage in specific communal pro-
  - (b) Develop an interest in American

Jewish social life, and in the problems of Jewish life in the Disapora and in Palestine,

(e) The group may become a member of the local Zionist organization or engage in Zionist activity without official relationship.

# V. Promotion of Jewish elementary education.

- (a) Organize a group to atimulate Jewish education.
- (b) Advocate a minimum of a three-daya-week Hebrew School.



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Simhat Torah		Tues	Oct. 26
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Hamishah Asar Belihebat	Mon., Feb. 14
*Rosh Hodesh Ada:	Wed., Mar. 2
PASS OF BOLDET	Mon., Mar. 14
Purim	Tues., Mar. 15
Rosh Hodesh Nisan	Thurs., Mar. 31
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Rosh Hodesh Shehat	Thurs., Jan. 19
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*Rosh Hodesh Adar	Sat., Feb. 18
Fast of Esther	Thurs., March 2
Purim	Fri., March 3
Rosh Hodesh Nisan	_ Sun., March 19
Passover-let Lay	Sun., April 2
*Rosh Hodesh Lyap	Tues., April 18
Lag Beomer	Fri., May 5
Rosh Hodesh Sigan	Wed., May 17
Shabuot	Mon., May 23
*Rosh Hodesh Tammus	Fri., June 16
Shibeah Asar FeTammus	Sun., July 2
Rosh Hodesh Ah	Sat., July 15
Tisheah BeAb	Sun., July 23
*Rosh Hodesh Eul	Mon., Aug. 14

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ROSH HASEANAH narks the beginning of the Jewish New Mear, and lasts two days. It is also the beginning of the Ten Days of Penitruce, which end with Yom Kippur. Sincere prayer and meditation during these days help us to experience the reality of God and ts dedicate ourselves anew to the establishment of His Kingdom on earth—the seign of freedom, justice and peace.

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THE FAST OF GEDALLAH commemorates the climax of the dismeters that befell the first Jewish commonwealth in 586 B.C. E.

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YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement) is a day of fasting and prayes when we strive to reawaken the latent spiritual power in our soul so that it may become an effective and directing force in our daily conduct.

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SHEMINI AZERET (Eighth Day of Assembly), designated in the Bible as a day of holy assembly, is celebrated after the seventh day of Sukkot is the concluding festival of the season.

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ROSH HODESH is the term for the beginning of a new month. As the Jewish year is based on the lunar calendar, the beginning of a new month coincides with the appearance of he new moon. When a month has thirty days, the last day is considered the first of the we days which constitute Rosh Eddesh of the month fellowing.

THE BALFOUR DECLARATION, issued on November 2, 1947, is the first recognition by a modern nation of the Jewish claim to Palestine us a national homeland.

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Prophets—Zechariah 2.14—4.7

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HANUKKAH (Dedication Days) celebrates the rededication of the Temple by the victorious Maccahees (1:7 B. C. E.) in their struggle against the Syrian King Antiochus who, with the aid of Jewish apostates, had attempted in suppress the religion of the Jews. Every evening lights are kindled in commemoration of that event.

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HAMISHAH ASAR BESHEBAT (fifteenth of Shebat) is the Jewish Arbor Day, also called the New Year of the Trees. Each year in Palestine achool children use the day for planting thousands of trees. In the Diaspora it is used as an occasion for stressing the significance of the upbuilding of Palestine.

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SHABBAT SHEKALIM. During Temple times the call for the payment of the polltax of half a shekel by every adult Jew was announced to the first day of the tweifth month (Adar). As a reminder of this duty the passage from Excelus ANX.

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Numbers 19.1—22
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PURIM commemorates the day when, through the intervention of Mordecai and Queen Esther, the Jews of Bersia narrowly escaped being victims of Illuman's plot to exterminate them.

SHABBAT PARAH—Preceding the Passover, proper steps to become ritually clean had to be taken as preparation for the eating of the Paschal lamb. Hence the law concerning the asles of the red beifer, Parah Adumah (Numbers ::ix), was read.

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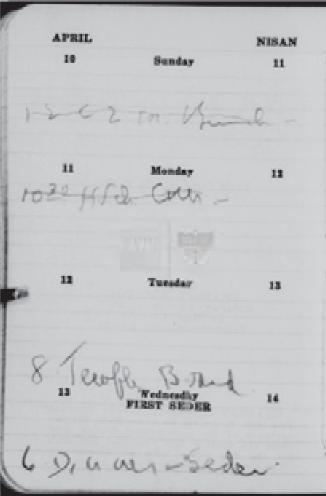
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Saturday SHABBAT HAGADOL Weekly Portion—"ZAV" Levitious 6.1—8.26 Prophets—Malachii 3.4—24

SHABBAT HAGADOL always precedes Passover. It derives its name from the importance of the approaching festival and from the further fact that the Haftarah for the day closes with an allusion to "The Great Day of the Lord."



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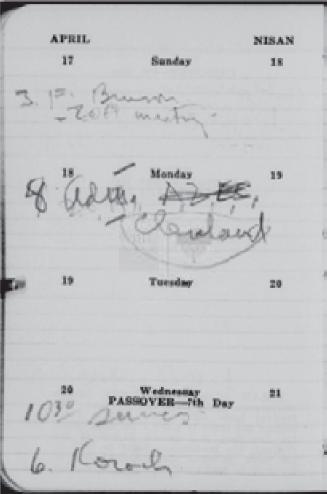
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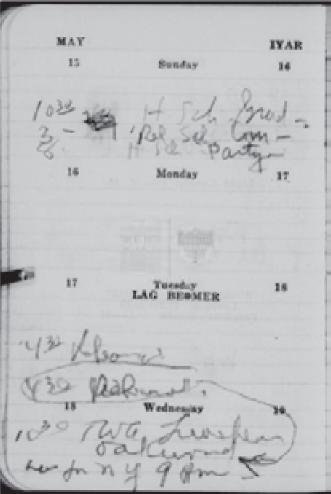
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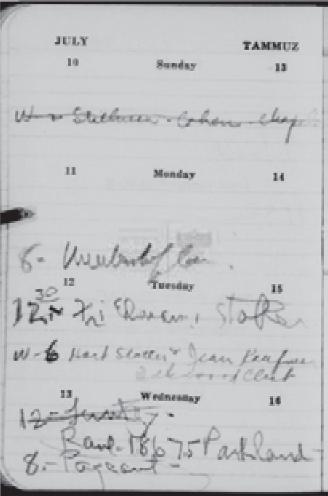
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#### WHAT IS THE S. A. J.

The Society for the Advancement of Judaism was founded in New York City in 1922 by Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan. The Society was established in the belief that the future of Judaism depended on something more than an acceptable ideology. The significance of creating a Jewish atmosphere, social contact and interaction, was emphasized. In addition, however, it was Dr. Kaplan's purpose to teach a new conception of Judaism which had its roots in tradition, but which was adjusted to the best thought of the present day.

Since 1922 the Society for the Advancement of Judaism has primarily sponsored the efforts of Dr. Kaplan in his attempt to disseminate his philosophy. By granting to him and subsequently to his successor, Dr. Ira Eisenstein, an absolutely free pulpit, the members of the Society have enabled them to give expression to every phase of this philosophy.

In 1935 the Society made possible the establishment of the Reconstructionist magazine, a bi-weekly devoted to the exposition of Judaism as an evolving religious civilization. As a result of the influence of this publication and of the books written by Dr. Kaplan and his colleagues, the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement came into being. Members of the S.A.J. have been most instrumental in setting up the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc., to which the following pages are devoted.

The Society conducts a Synagogue, an elementary Hebrew School, confirmation classes, youth groups and adult education courses for its local membership. Through these various channels experiments are constantly being performed with a view to incorporating the basic postulates of Reconstructionism.

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#### INTRODUCTION TO RECONSTRUCTIONISM

#### Foreword

The Jews of America are giving increasing thought to a consideration of the future of Judaism. The establishment of the State of Israel has made it imperative to clarify and to establish the values which make being a Jew in America a happy and worth-while experience. Jewish life, with its long tradition of ethical and spiritual striving, is still capable of serving as the exemplar of a new era in the art of human cooperation. Yet there are many Jews who do not wish to remain Jews and who find no spiritual inspiration in the Jewish religion. Other Jews are trying to escape, are dissatisfied, unhappy, restless, ridden by doubts, by feelings of inferiority, by self-hate.

We of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement are trying to face these problems boldly and frankly. Though we are fully aware of the stampede from Jewish life on the part of large numbers, we believe that this flight can be stopped. We know that there

are many Jews who desire to continue to share their common past, to assume mutual responsibility in the present, and to work together for the best kind of future for the entire Jewish people. If these Jews in whom the will to Jewish survival is still strong be mobilized and induced to rethink the problem of Judaism, if the energies of Judaism can be re-directed toward some worthwhile goal, then the Jewish people is bound to have a new lease on life. It is these tasks that Reconstructionism has set before itself. How these tasks are conceived and how they can be carried out can perhaps be made clear in the following series of questions and answers.

### The Need for Reconstruction

Q. Why do we insist upon the need to reconstruct Jewish life?

A. We believe that Jewish survival can be secured only if Jews face the realities of Jewish life. We must realize that the old conditions of Jewish living no longer prevail. Jews must be prepared to adjust Jewish living to conditions never before encountered in their long histors.

Q. What are these new conditions under which Jews live?

A. The establishment of the State of Israel confronts Jews beyond the borders of the state with an unprecedented condition that makes necessary an examination of the relationship of the Jews of the State with the Jews of the Diaspora and of the Jews of the Diaspora with the State of Israel as an entity.

B. Jews in the Western world were emancipated from ghetto life about one hundred and fifty years ago. The segregated and unified existence of their own kehillah (community) camera to an end. Jews were catapulted into modern civilization. They had, therefore, little or no preparation for avoiding its pit'alls and enjoying its glories. They were granted civil and political rights, which, at least in theory, gave them equality with all other citizens. Naturally, they were expected to assume the same responsibilities as non-Jewish citizens In fact, the majority desired avidly to do so. This acceptance of Western citizenship presented the Jew with a new problem in his life-how to continue his Jewish life in a dominantly mon-Jewish civilization.

There is still another unprecedented condition which has revolutionized Jewish life. In the Western world the impact of modern science and modern thought has weakened, and in many cases destroyed the belief in the supernatural origin of religion. trend affected the Jewish religion as well. Many Jews began to find it impossible to believe in the divine authority of Jewish law and in the literal interpretation of the miracles recorded in the Bible. Thus we may say that the incorporation of the Jews into Western nations together with the growing skeptical attitude toward revealed religion has shaken modern Jewish life to its fourdations.

Q. How did the Lews live before the Emancipation?

A. In all their internal relations, the Jews were governed by the laws of the Torah, the religious law, which was supreme. The authority of the rabbis was unquestioned, their decisions final. The Jewish community was recognized by the state as a unified, autonomous entity, and most Jews had little or no contact with the outside world and with the currents of thought then permeating human life.

Q. How has the Emancipation affected Jewish life?

A. Outside of Israel Jews constitute a small minority within the civilization of the countries where they live. Thus, it is exceedingly difficult for them to resist the attraction of the common culture. In former days, as we have seen. Jews lived the part of a nation in exile. But this is no longer possible, nor do Jews lesire it. It is our duty, as loyal citizens, to contribute to the primary sulture and to participate in the affairs of the nation to which we owe our devoted allegiance. We are no longer governed by Jewish law in secular matters. We do not have an exclusively Jewish education. We can sount for Jewish survival only on those Jews who do not wish to lose nor to destroy the continuity of Jewish life, on those who wish to keep as much of our tradition and our own way of life as is compatible with modern democratic civilization.

Q. How have modern attitudes toward religion affected Jewish life?

A. Religion has always been the most conspicuous and significant aspect of Jewish life. It was the unifying force for all Jews. With the growing doubts concerning the miraculous origin of all religion, the Jewish religion has begun to suffer from serious defections. In addition, many Jews have decided that it is easier to achieve high position in the community if one professes the dominant religion. Thus Jewish unity has been weakened and Jewish life, as it was lived in the past, has broken down.

Q. What has been the result of this breakdown in Jewish life?

A. There is much confusion, bewilderment and bitterness among Jewish organizations. Jews find it increasingly difficult to understand and work with one another. There are Jews who

still insist on the supreme authority of the Torah in every phase of human life. There are others who go to the other extreme and deny the need for any religion. Between these views, we find Jews who emphasize one or another solution. Some believe that humanism, others that internationalism, secular-nationalism, or defense of Jewish civil rights will solve the Jewish problem. Each of a multiplicity of organizations claims to hold the key to Jewish survival.

# Some Proposed Solutions

Q. Have any efforts been made to bring order into modern Jewish life?

A. There have been several attempts such as Reform Judaism, Conservative Judaism, Neo-Orthodoxy, secular nationalism. The first three have assumed that the Jewish people exists mainly for the purpose of exemplifying Jewish religion. As a result they tend to treat Jewish life piecemeal instead of organically. They fail to see the interdependence of the structure of the Jewish people, its peoplehood, its communal organization, its creative self-expression and

its religion. The secular nationalists, on the other hand, have no interest in religion at all. They try to meet the issue in one of two ways. Some see the solution in the existence of the State of Israel without giving any thought at all to Jewish life beyond its borders. Others, especially those who advocate emphasizing Yiddish culture, treat the Jewish people as consisting of a minority nationality group united by a secular culture based mainly on the Yiddish language.

Some good has been accomplished through these attempts. However, the leaders of these movements have not been able to build any substitute for the unity of the old Jewish community and the traditional Jewish religion. There is still no democratically constituted authority in America which can be considered the authentic voice of the Jewish people.

Q. How dees Reconstructionism differ from those other proposed solutions?

A. Reconstructionism views Judaism as a dynamic religious civilization with all that that term implies. Like all other civilizations, Judaism has its roots in a land; for the Jews that land is Eretz Yisrael. Judaism possesseses a continuing history, a living language, a voluminous literature, a common religion, folkways, folk tradition, law and various arts. Therefore, Jews in America can be won to Judaism if they are shown how to live in two civilizations, the Jewish and the American, at one and the same time.

## Q. Why is Judaism a "religious" civilization?

A. Judaism has always emphasized the role of religion in Jewish life. Religion is the effort of men to experience life as worth living. This is impossible if we think of life as governed merely by mechanical forces or pure chance. Life makes sense only if we think of it as governed by a spiritual Power that makes for beauty, truth and goodness as the fulfillment of our deepest wants. That is why we believe in God, Since Jewish civilization has always striven to bring the life of the Jewish people into conformity with the law of God as they understood it, Judaism is a religious civilization.

# Q. Why is Judaism dynamie?

A. Judaism is dynamic because it adjusts itself creatively to changing conditions. In the past, it borrowed from other civilizations whatever would help it to make life better for the Jewish people and for the world. Jews tried to discover in every new experience what it had to teach them and they gave appropriate expression to those new insights in their law, literature, ritual and social institutions. Thus, despite the ravages of time, Judaism has always been harmonious with the life of each generation, and has always helped Jews to live a worthwhile life and to make a worthy contribution to all human civilization.

# The Reconstructionist Program

Reconstructionism offers a new approach to Jewish living in America. It is a movement indigenous to America and whoffly compatible with American democratic civilization. Reconstructionism represents an earnest attempt to ensure Jewish survival, both physical and spiritual, by indicating how to live a maximum Jewish life within the setting of a modern

democratic state. It is the only movement in Jewish life today which tries to solve the problem of living in two civilizations at the same time.

Q. Has Jewish life been reconstructed before our time?

A. Yes. Reconstruction is not a radical departure. Whenever Judaism had to adjust itself to unprecedented conditions, it underwent changes which naturally were reflected in its ideas and institutions. Let us take one example. When the Kingdom of Judah lost its independence and the Temple was destroyed, the Jews of that time felt that Judaism was lost. The gods of Babylon, they believed, had won a decisive victory over their God. But the Prophets taught otherwise. Under the guidance of prophets like Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the so-called second Isaiah, the Jews were taught that Israel's God was in fact the God of the whole world. This was a great deviation from the tribal conception that God was the God of the Israelites alone. The Prophets also taught that God could be worshipped anywhere and that He would send a righteous king to redeem Israel, a Messiah, who would rule so justly and in accordance with God's laws that the nations would voluntarily subject themselves to Israel's law and adore Israel's God. These teachings led to the development of a new kind of state headed by high priest and governed according to God's revealed law. Thus the Torah became the legal instrument of the second Jewish Commonwealth, something which it had not been under the Davidic dynasty. One must study Jewish history to see other instances of the reconstruction of Judaism. The very fact that Judaism has always been able to meet new issues should give us courage and faith in reconstructing it to satisfy present needs.

Q. What must be the basis of reconstructing dewish life in the present crisis?

A. In this new era we should continue to emphasize that men can and must obey the law of God, but the law should not be regarded as being confined to any one book or any set of books. It can be dissovered in everything that makes for a happier and

better world. Jewish life should be reconstructed along democratic lines. Unity should be based on voluntary cooperation for common interests and purposes rather than on an enforced conformity with traditional laws, customs and rites assumed to possess supernatural sanction. All matters which affect the Jewish people as a whole must be decided by the community as a whole by majority rule after previous free and unfettered discussion. But all matters which do not require collective action by the community, such as the expression and practice of religion, must be treated in a way that permits full freedom of conscience without the application of any social pressure for conformity.

Q. What areas of Jewish life are the concern of the Reconstructionist movement?

A. Reconstructionism, because it views Judaism as a civilization, is interested in all aspects of Jewish life. Its specific program in America is to aid in the development of Eretz Yisrael; to strive for the reorganiza-

tion of the American Jewish community on a representative democratic basis; to advocate the use of measures to re-vitalize the Jewish religion so that it will correspond to what modern Jews believe and so that it may express their living faith; to help in re-directing Jewish education to meet today's conditions; to encourage Jewish cultural creativity in literature and the arts, and to insist upon the participation of Jews in all activities and social movements which enhance the ideals of democracy and American civilization and which seek to extend freedom, justice, equality, peace and plenty to all men and all nations.

### Eretz Yisrnel

Q. Why is the Reconstructionist program predicated upon the development of Eret: Yisrawl?

A. Every American Jew shares and should share the common civilization of America. In addition, American Jews must maintain Jewish civilization. Since Jews are a minority of the population, they are at a natural disadvantage. The Febrew language,

Jewish law, Jewish education, Jewish religion must all function in addition to and not in substitution for American civilization. The difficulties of maintaining Jewish civilization simultaneously with the civilization we share with our non-Jewish neighbors make necessary the re-enforcement of Judaism from a center where Jewish civilization is dominant because Jews are in the majority. Eretz Yisrael is historically the Jewish National Homeland and is the place where Judaism can develop as the primary civilization of the land. In Eretz Yisrael, Jewish life is self-determined, and free from the necessity of adjusting itself to any other civilization. Jewish life there should fulfill the highest aspirations of Jews everywhere and must be built upon firm foundations of social, political and economic justice. It must serve as an example of the best in the ethical tradition of Judaism and become not only the cultural center of Jewry but a moral force in all Jewish life.

## Community

Q. Why is it necessary to organize the American Jewish Community?

A. Jewish community life in America, and in fact, everywhere else except Eretz Yisrael, has become fragmentized. For most Jews in America, Jewish life means giving a contribution for some Jewish "cause," or going to synagogue twice or three times a year, or supporting an organization which is fighting anti-Semitism. For many Jews, there is no interest in Jewish life, nothing establishing bonds of unity, nothing to make a Jew wish to remain a Jew, to make Jewishness a happy experience.

Q. What does the individual Jew seek from a Jewish li'e?

A. The individual Jew desires a sense of status. He wishes to belong to a group that cares about him. He wishes to achieve status and to have the Jewish people ashieve it. He desires, also, a feeling of self respect and wants his people to be respected. He is eager to acquire a feeling of permanence, a realization that his life

on earth has some lasting value. He wishes Jewish community life to be on so high a level that he will be proud to be identified with it. A democratically organized Jewish community, representing all Jews who wish to be identified as Jews, can give to the individual and to the Jewish people as a whole all of these things.

Q. How does the Reconstructionist movement envisage the reorganization of the Jewish community of America?

A. The Jewish community is really a branch of the Jewish people. It should be representative of every element in the community and should bring out the very best there is in its individual members. Heconstructionism recommends the establishment of local organic communities throughout the United States through the setting up of a democratically organized body discharging the principal functions of Jewish life for the benefit of all Jews who wish to be identified with the Jewish people. A first step in the establishment of an organic community is the transfer of the functions of religion, education and recreation to a central body representative of the institutions in which these functions are lodged and their administration for the benefit of the entire Jewish community.

Q. What are some of the functions of the Jewish community?

A. The full organic Jewish community should supervise all fund-raising for local communal purposes, for the development of Eretz Yisrael and for the relief of Jews in distress anywhere in the world. It should administer funds raised for common local purposes. It should direct all activities in which the Jewish community is interested, provide for the training of men and women for work in Jewish fields, such as social workers, educators, community center workers, rabbis, cantors. It should turn its attention to all Jewish problems such as anti-Semitism, economic maladjustments, the overcoming of physical, mental and social handicaps. It should establish courts of arbitration to settle disputes between Jews without resort to civil courts, maintain Jewish employment agencies, set up bureaus of education, vocational guidance

commissions, etc. It should maintain places of worship, assume responsibility for Jewish education, encourage Jewish literary and artistic effort, and insist upon a high standard of ethics among Jews. These are some of the duties of the Jewish community.

Q. What should be done about organizations which are national and international in scope?

A. Such organizations should also be organized on a federation basis. For example, funds for Eretz Yisrael, care of refugees, overseas relief are matters of international concern. Higher Jewish education, fighting anti-Semitism are national concerns. The agencies that deal with these matters should be working together and not at cross purposes nor wholly independently. Such national organizations should be united into a body consisting of democratically elected representatives to which shall be added representatives of the local Jewish communities of America. This body should maintain continuous contact with corresponding Jewish organizations in other countries.

Q. What would be the effect of community organization?

A. Jewry, for the first time since the abolition of the autonomous Jewish community, would have a structural form enabling it to function as a civilization. It would give the individual Jew status as a member of a religio-cultural group. Authority and responsibility for all collective action would be vested in the rank and file of Jewry and delegated by it to a responsible leadership. Participation in Jewish life would be worth while to the individual Jew because he would be part of a collective effort to attain all that makes for human fulfillment.

#### Education

Q. What direction shall the reconstruction of 'ewish education take?

A. Civilizations perpetuate themselves by transmitting their acquired culture and ideals to each generation in such ways that the individual desires to be identified with the group. This process is called education. Jewish education to be effective today, must give to the next generation the knowledge of the past so that the individual may be equipped to live in the present and to meet the problems of the foreseeable future. However, though the Jewish past must be taught, cognizance must be taken of the conditions under which Jewish life is lived today. Education must provide for adjustment to changed conditions.

Q. What are some of the elements
of Jewish education?

A. Education includes every aspect of Jewish culture such as the Hebrew language, religion, literature, contemporary Jewish problems, music, the arts. We must remember, however, that Jewish education begins in the home. Impressions gained in the home and the influence of the home environment generally remain with the adult. The home, therefore, should be distinctively Jewish. Observances such as Kashrut, celebration of the Sabbath and festivals, home devotions should be practiced in a manner that would render them meaningful for life today. For example, Pesah, the festival of freedom, should be related to the fight for freedom everywhere in the world. Hanukkah. representing the fight for religious freedom should be allied with the fight for religious freedom everywhere in the world. In addition, every possible means should be utilized to give the Jewish home an atmosphere that is culturally and esthetically Jewish such as the use of Jewish books, music, magazines, pic-

tures, furnishings, records.

Jewish education, of course, should not be confined to the home. Some regular portion of the time of every adult and every child should be devoted to attaining knowledge of matters of Jewish interest. To create the necessary educational facilities is the responsibility of the Jewish community. To use them is the responsibility of every Jew.

# Religion

Q. Reconstructionism advocates the reinterpretation of the Jewish religion. Why is this newspary?

A. Traditional religions are everywhere losing their hold on people. This is because they seem unrelated to the needs and problems of modern life. Moreover, they include many ideas which have been proved erroneous by modern thought. But it is true that people in ancient times underwent experiences similar to our own. Birth, marriage, death, the struggle for a livelihood, conflicts between liberty and despotism, between selfishness and unselfishness, are experiences which are the same in all ages. While men in the past thought and felt about these matters as profoundly as we do today, they lived in a different world and thought in different terms. That makes it difficult for us to understand the implications of their thinking. But if we mentally reconstruct their world and translate what remains true in their thought into modern terms, we can make the tradition of the past help us to live in the present. We must view religion not as a supernaturally revealed creed or code of laws but as the affirmation of the worthwhileness of life, as the search for a sincere faith through which to activate the disire to make the most of one's life. That means that we must make Jewish religion relevant both to the personal life of the Jew and to Jewish living in two civilizations. The indifference to the Jewish religion on the part of many Jews is due to the fact that it is identified in their minds with some particular doctrine to which they cannot intellectually subscribe.

Q. How can we re-vitalize Jewish religion?

A. We must realize that religion is the soul of the Jewish civilization. It lives and grows as Jewish civilization lives and grows. Religion must be reinterpreted in every generation so that it fits the needs of that generation. As we have pointed out, this is not new. Jewish religion has always re-vitalized itself by changing its beliefs and practices, discarding some and taking on others. The object was always to reader life in general and Jewish existence in particular inherently worth while.

Such elements of the Jewish tradition as no longer at the democratic tradition, for example the inferior status of the woman, should be discarded. At the same time, we must develop types of observances, devotional literature, sancta, which shall give religious significance to our experiences unprovided for by tradition. Furthermore, if we wish to keep religion vital for our day, we must keep religious thought free and untrammeled. We must not try to enforce standardized ritual practices or regimented religious thinking. Naturally, as much as possible of tradition should not only be retained but rendered meaningful for today. But, if we remember that the true function of religion is to influence the worshiper to harmonize his life with God as the Power that makes for self-realization, we will indeed make religion a positive force in the life of the individual Jew.

## The Arts

Q. What does Reconstructionism propose for the cultivation of the arts?

A. There have always been art forms in Jewish life, such as music, literature, the dance, irama. The graphic arts were not emphasized because until modern times all art was

religious, and the representation of deity in art forms was considered idolatrous from the viewpoint of Jewish religion. However, all through Jewish civilization beautiful art objects were made, such as ornaments for the Torah, candelabra, Kiddush cups and the like. All Jewish artists should be encouraged and stimulated to express their creativity within the sphere of Jewish civilization. Jewish artists can find much inspiration for emotional expression if they are encouraged to develop an interest in Jewish life. We must help them through every means such as subsidies, scholarships, art exhibits, contests, etc.

#### American Civilization

Q. What has Resonstructionism to say concerning Jewish participation in social and civic movements in America?

A. The improvement of human relations has always been a major interest of Jewish civilization. The concepts of the Fathe hood of God and

the Brotherhood of Man are based on the Jewish view that mankind is one and must learn to transcend the differences that exist among its races, peoples and religions. Judaism sees in the brotherhood of man a cooperative effort to make a better life for all men. Jews must strive for the establishment of a social order that provides for the maximum of human cooperation and the maximum of personal liberty. All Jewish institutions must sensitize Jews to those social evils that impede the realization of this vision. Any civilization which does not try to eradicate poverty, corruption, exploitation, discrimination, disease, violence and war is a barbarism. Jewish communities must coopcrate with all elements of the general population in furthering all movements which have as their purpose the extermination of these evils. Jews must do this, not only for the honor of the Jewish name, but as an exemplification of the age-old Jewish traditional belief in the dignity and the inviolability of each human soul.

#### Conclusion

We, of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement, have tried to give you a glimpse of what we mean by the Reconstructionist philosophy and program. We are aware that for every single question we have answered there are at least two new questions which come to your mind. We are convinced, however, that further study of Reconstructionism will prove that it is capable of infusing American Jewry with renewed vigor. We believe that by sharing our approach you will find satisfaction and happiness in Jewish living, and, at the same time, you will be discharging fully your responsibility of American citizenship.

We are convinced, too, that within the body of American Jewry there exist potential ties for greatness and creativity as yet untapped. And we have faith that American Jews can and will emp-oy these potentialities to meet the unprecedented challenge of our times.

## JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST FOUNDATION

The Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation is the administrative agency of the Reconstructionist Movement. At the present time the Foundation

Publishes The Reconstructionist — a bi-weekly magazine, published from October to June (20 issues).

Publishes books, which help to vitalize Jewish religious life.

Publishes pamphlets expounding the Reconstructionist attitude toward the community, toward Israel, toward Jewish education, religion and culture.

Publishes syllabi and other materials for study.

Sponsors the Reconstructionist Youth Fellowship which has the objective of preparing its members for intelligent participation in the life of the American Jewish community.

# The Jewish Reconstructionist Youth Fellowship

The Reconstructionist Youth Fellowship is open to Jewish young men and women in the age group of 20-30. Admission is by application only, and applicants are considered on the basis of educational qualifications, community affiliations, interest in Jewish life, and potentialities for leadership.

The Fellowship is set up in chapters in various parts of the country. A course of study in Judaism and contemporary Jewish problems is prepared for Institute members. The chapters meet regularly for study, action, and consideration of Jewish problems. Action projects are set up.

#### Reconstructionist Literature

The Recenstructionist, a bi-weekly magazine devoted to the exposition of the Reconstructionist philosophy as applied to current problems and events.

#### Books

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M. Kaplan. \$3.00

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8. Zionism Explained, a question and answer pamphlet containing own 160 questions and answers on the Zionist movement, \$.60 per cogy; \$.50 per copy in orders of ten or

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To obtain Reconstructionist literature, or further information regarding Reconstructionism, apply to The Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc.

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### CRITERIA OF IEWISH LOYALTY

In view of the changed conditions in Jewish life, the criterion of loyalty to Judaism can no longer be the acceptance of a creed, but the experience of the need to have one's life enriched by the Jewish heritage.

In being dedicated to the advancement of Judaism as a modern religious civilization, we subscribe to the following thirteen wants:

- We want Judaism to belp us to overcome temptation, doubt and discouragement.
- We want Judaism to imbue us with a sense of responsibility for the righteous use of the blessings wherewith God endows us.
- We want the Jews so to be trusted that his yea will be taken as yea, and his nay as nay.
- We want to learn how to utilize our leisure to best advantage physically, intellectually and spiritually.
- We want the Jewish home to live up to its traditional standards of virtue and picty.
- 6. We want the Jewish upbringing of our children to further their moral

and spiritual growth and to enable them to accept with joy their heritage as Jews.

- We want the synagogue to enable us to worship God in sincerity and in truth.
- We want our religious traditions to be interpreted in terms of understandable experience and to be made relevant to our present day needs.
- We want to participate in the upbuilding of Eretz Yisrael as a means to the renaissance of the Jewish spirit.
- We want Judaism to find rich, manifold and ever new expression in philosophy, in letters, and in the arts.
- We want all forms of Jewish organization to make for spiritual purpose and ethical endeavor.
- 12. We want the unity of Israel throughout the word to be fostered through mutual help in time of need, and through cooperation in the furtherance of Judaism at all times.
- We want Judaism to function as a potent influence for justice, freedom and peace in the life of men and nations.

#### RECONSTRUCTIONISM IN ACTION

## What Reconstructionists Are Expected To Do:

To provide their children with an intensive Jewish training, which should continue far into the years of adolescence.

To affiliate with communal organizations which are essential to the continuance of Jewish life in the Diaspora, such as federations, congregations and educational associations.

To take an active part in the upbuilding of Israel by giving it both material and moral support.

To foster the cultivation and growth of the Hebrew language and litera-

ture.

To encourage in the Jewish school and pulpit the ravaluation of Israel's past in terms of the present-day world outlook.

To devote some time each week to individual study and group discussion of the ethical aspect of all problems touching human life.

To translate their ethical ideals into actual conduct in their home life, in their dealings with their neighbors, in their work and in their play.

# Specific Suggestions For Individuals And Groups

- I. Intensification of Jewish home
  - (a) Observe the ceremonies Sabbath, Festival, Kashrut and Prayer — in as impressive and beautiful a manner as possible.
  - (b) Indicate a positive interest in the child's progress in Hebrew School. Arrange for a children's story hour on Sabbaths and holidays, and provide for the discussion of events of Jewish interest.
  - (c) Encourage the use of Jewish songs at home on Sabbath and festival gatherings.
  - (d) Arrange for regular purchasing of looks in English pertaining to Jewish life; e.g., subscribe to the Jewish Publication Society.
  - (e) Subscribe to some good Jewish magazine.
  - (f) Build up a Jewish library for your shild at home.

- (g) Introduce into the home original art works or reproductions dealing with Jewish themes. Utilize the industrial and art products of Eretz Yisrael.
- Organization of study and discussion units engaging in some of the following activities.
  - (a) Study of Hebrew language and literature.
  - (b) Study of Jewish History from the modern point of view.
  - (c) Study of contemporary Jewish problems and events, e.g., modern thought in Jewish life, the problem of religion, the Jew in economics and culture.
  - (d) Consideration of present day ethical problems.
  - (e) Discussion of the outstanding Jewish book of the month.

- III. Cultivation of the aesthetic phase of Jewish life.
  - (a) Introduce congregational singing in religious services and publishing of phonograph records.
  - (b) Organize a creative youngfolks group to express itself Jewishly through creation of art objects and designs of a Jewish character.
  - (c) Arrange for an exhibition of art objects dealing with Jewish themes.
  - (d) Arrange for annual exhibition of art objects and industrial products of Israel.
  - (e) Organize a dramatic unit to produce plays in either English, Hebrew or Yiddish.
  - (f) Organize Jewish choral units and arrangement of concerts of Jewish music.
  - (g) Conduct a public forum which will concern itself with topics of Jewish interest.
  - (h) Stimulate the production of new Jewish music or Jewish art by offering some munificent award

- Participation in Jewish communal life here and abroad, and working for the upbuilding of Israel.
  - (a) Engage in specific communal projects.
  - (b) Develop an interest in American Jewish social life, and in the problems of Jewish life in the Diaspora and in Israel.
  - (e) The group may become a member of the local Zionist organization or engage in Zionist activity without official relationship.
- Promotion of Jewish elementary education.
  - (a) Organize a group to stimulate Jewish education.
  - (b) Advocate a minimum of a three-day-a-week Hebrew school.

# ABRIDGED HEBREW CALENDAR FOR

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SHABBAT SEUBAH derives its name from the Haftarah of that day Hosea xiv, 2-10, which begins with the word Shubah— "Return", i.e., Bepent.

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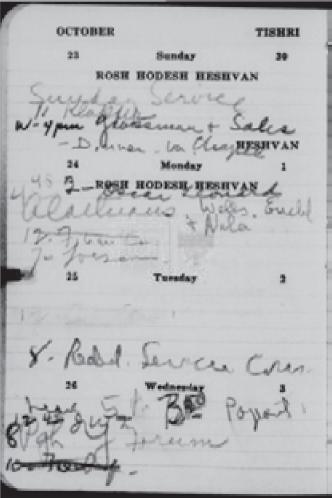
HOSHA'NAH RABBAH, the seventh day of Sukket, was the climax of the festival in Temple times, when seven processions were made around the allar, and many verses of Hosha'nah (O Sare!) were song to the waving of the palm branches.

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ROSH HODESH a the term for the beginning of a new month. Is the Jewish year is based on the lunar calendar, the beginning of a new month coincides with the appearance of the new moon. When a month has thirty days, the last day is considered the first of the two days which constitute Rosh Hodesh of the month fellowing.

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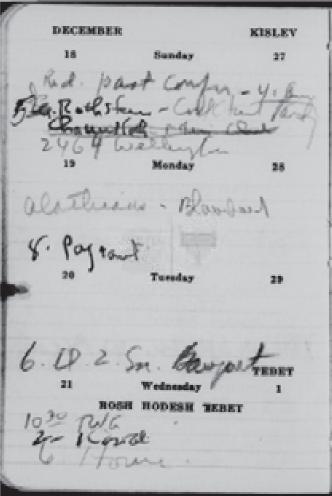
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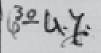
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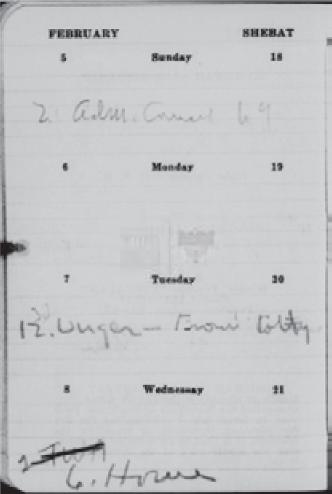
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HAMISHAH ASAR BUSHEBAT (fifteenth of Shebat) is the Jewish Arbor Day, also called the New Year of the Trees. Each year in Israel school children use the day for planting thousands of trees. In the Diaspora it is used as an occasion for stressing the significance of the upbuilding of Israel.



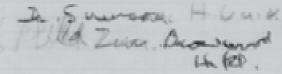
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SHARBAT SHEKALIM: During Temple times the call for the payment of the poll tax of half a shekel by every adult Jew was announced on the first day of the twelfth month (Adar). As a reminiser of this duty the passage from Exodus max, 11-16 was read on the Sabbati preceding.

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SHABBAT ZAKCR derives its name from the special portion of the Torah, Deut. xxv, 17-19, read that day, which begins with the word Zakor—"Remember #malek". It was assumed that Haman was an Amalekite.

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FAST OF ESTEER commemorates the day when the Jews of Persia fasted and prayed that they be spared the massacre planned by Haman.

PURIM commemorates the day when, through the intervention of Mordecai and Queen Esther, the Jews of Persia narrowly escaped being victims of Haman's plot to exterminate them. MARCH ADAR Sunday Purin Monday Tuesday 18 Wednesday

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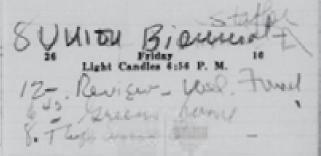
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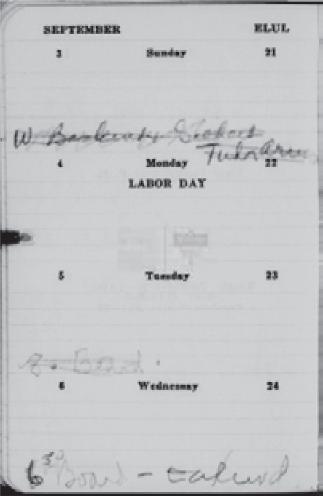
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# WHAT IS THE S. A. J.

The Society for the Advancement of Judaism was founded in New York City in 1922 by Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan. The Society was established in the belief that the future of Judaism depended on something more than an acceptable ideology. The significance of creating a Jewish atmosphere, social contact and interaction, was emphasized. In addition, however, it was Dr. Kaplan's purpose to teach a new conception of Judaism which had its roots in tradition; but which was adjusted to the best thought of the present day.

Since 1922 the Society for the Advancement of Japanse has primarily sponsored the effects of Dr. Kaplan in his attempt to disseminate his philosophy. By grantics to him and subsequently to his society free pulpit, the members of the Society have enabled them to give expression to every phase of this philosophy.

In 1935 the Saint made possible the establishment of the Reconstructionist magazine, a ca-weekly devoted to the exposition of Judaism as an evolving religious civilization. As a result of the influence of this publication and of the books written by Dr. Kaplan and his colleagues, the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement came into being. Members of the S.A.J. have been most instrumental in setting up the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc., to which the following pages are devoted.

The Society conducts a Synagogue, an elementary Hebrew School, confirmation classes, youth groups and adult education courses for its local membership. Through these various channels experiments are constantly being performed with a view to incorporating the basic postulates of Reconstructionism.

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# INTRODUCTION TO RECONSTRUCTIONISM

#### Foreword.

The Jews of America are giving increasing thought to a consideration of the future of Judaism. The establishment of the State of Israel has made it imperative to clarify and to establish the values which make being a Jew in America a happy and worthwhile experience. Jewish life, with its long tradition of ethical and spiritual striving, is still capable of serving as the exemplar of a new era in the art of human cooperation. Yet there are many Jews who do not wish to remain Jews and who find no spiritual inspiration in the Jewish religion. Other Jews are trying to escape, are dissatisfied, unhappy, restless, ridden by doubts, by feelings of inferiority, by self-bate.

We of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement are trying to face these problems boldly and frankly. Though we are fully aware of the stampede from Jewish life on the part of large numbers, we believe that this flight can be stopped. We know that there are many Jews who desire to continue to share their common past, to asmutual responsibility in the present, and to work together for the best kind of future for the entire Jewish people. If these Jews in whom the will to Jewish survival is still strong be mobilized and induced to rethink the problem of Judaism, if the energies of Judaism can be re-directed toward some worthwhile goal, then the Jewish people is bound to have a new lease on life. It is these tasks that Reconstructionism has set before itself. How these tasks are conceived and how they can be carried out can perhaps be made clear in the following series of questions and answers.

# The Need for Reconstruction

Q. Why do we insist upon the need to reconstruct I twish Efe?

A. We believe that Iewish survival can be secured only if Jews face the realities of Jewish lift. We must realize that the old conditions of Jewish living no longer prevail. Jews must be prepared to adjust Jewish living to conditions never before encountered in their long history.

# Q. What are these new conditions under which Jews live?

A. The establishment of the State of Israel confronts Jews beyond the borders of the state with an unprecedented condition that makes necessary an examination of the relationship of the Jews of the State with the Jews of the Diaspora and of the Jews of the Diaspora with the State of Israel

as an entity.

B. Jews in the Western world were emancipated from ghetto life about one hundred and fifty years ago. The segregated and unified existence of their own kehillah (community) came to an end. Jews were catapulted into modern civilization. They had, therefore, little or no preparation for avoiding its pi:falls and enjoying its glories. They were granted civil and political rights, which, at least in theory, gave them equality with all other citizens. Naturally, they were expected to assume the same responsibilities as non-Jewish citizens. In fact, the majority desired avidly to do so. This acceptance of Western citizenship presented the Jew with a new problem in his life-how to continue his Jewish life in a dominantly non-Jewish civilization.

There is still another unprecedented condition which has revolutionized Jewish life. In the Western world the impact of modern science and modern thought has weakened, and in many cases destroyed, the belief in the supernatural origin of religion. trend affected the Jewish religion as well. Many Jews began to find it impossible to believe in the divine authority of Jewish law and in the literal interpretation of the miracles recorded in the Bible. Thus we may say that the incorporation of the Jews into Western nations together with the growing skeptical attitude toward revealed religion has shaken modern Jewish life to its foundations.

Q. How did the Jews live before the Emancipation?

A. In all their internal relations, the Jews were governed by the laws of the Torah, the religious law, which was supreme. The authority of the rabbis was uncuestioned, their decisions final. The Jewish community was recognized by the state as a unified, autonomous entity, and most Jews had little or no contact with the outside world and with the currents of thought them permeating human life.

Q. How has the Emancipation affected Jewish life?

A. Outside of Israel Jews constitute a small minority within the civilization of the countries where they live. Thus, it is exceedingly difficult for them to resist the attraction of the common culture. In former days, as we have seen. Jews lived the part of a nation in exile. But this is no longer possible, nor do Jews desire it. our duty, as loyal citizens, to contribute to the primary culture and to participate in the affairs of the nation to which we owe our devoted allegiance. We are no longer governed by Jewish law in secular matters. We do not have an exclusively Jewish education. We can count for Jewish survival only on those Jews who do not wish to lose nor to lestroy the continuity of Jewish life, on those who wish to keep as much of our tradition and our own way of life as is compatble with modern democratic civilization.

Q. How have modern attitudes toward religion affected Jewish life?

A. Religion has mways been the most conspicuous and significant aspect of Jewish life. E was the unifying force for all Jews. With the growing doubts concerning the miraculous origin of all religion, the Jewish religion has begun to suffer from serious defections. In addition, many Jews have decided that it is easier to achieve high position in the community if one professes the dominant religion. Thus, Jewish unity has been weakened and Jewish life, as it was lived in the past, has broken down.

Q. What has been the result of this breakdown in Jewish life?

A. There is much confusion, bewilderment and bitterness among Jews. Jews find it increasingly difficult to understand and work with one another. There are Jews who still insist on the supreme authority of the Torah in every phase of human life. There are others who go to the other extreme and deny the need for any religion. Between these views we find Jews who emphasize one or another solution. Some believe hat humanism, others that internationalism, secularnationalism, or defense of Jewish civil rights will solve he Jewish problem. In addition each of a multiplicity of organizations claims to hold the key to Jewish surviva.

# Some Proposed Solutions

Q. Have any efforts been made to bring order into modern Jewish life?

A. There have been several attempts such as Reform Judaism, Conservative Judaism, Neo-Orthodoxy, secular nationalism. The first three have assumed that the Jewish people exists mainly for the purpose of exemplifying Jewish religion. As a result they tend to treat Jewish life piecemeal instead of organically. They fail to see the interdependence of the structure of the Jewish people, its peoplehood, its communal organization, its creative self-expression and its religion. The secular nationalists. on the other hand, have no interest in religion at all. They try to meet the issue in one of two ways. Some see the solution in the existence of the State of Israel without giving any thought at all to Jewish life beyond its borders. Others, especially those who advocate emphasizing Yiddish culture, treat the Jewish people as consisting of a minority nationality group unit-ed by a secular culture based mainly on the Yiddish language.

Some good has been accomplished through these attempts. However, the leaders of these movements have not been able to build any substitute for the unity of the old Jewish community and of traditional Jewish religion. There is still no democratically constituted authority in America which can be considered the authentic voice of the Jewish people.

Q. How does Reconstructionism differ from those other proposed solutions?

A. Reconstructionism views Judaism as the dynamic religious civilization of the Jewish people. Like all
other civilizations, Judaism has its
roots in a land; for the Jews that
land is Eretz Yisrael. Judaism possesses a continuing history, a living
language, a voluminous literature, a
common religion, folkways, folk tradition, law and various arts. Therefore,
Jews in America can be won to Judaism if they are shown how to live
simultaneously in two civilizations,
the Jewish and the American, at one
and the same time.

Q. Why is Judaism a "religious" civilization?

A. Judaism has always emphasized the role of religion in Jewish life Re. ligion is the effort of men to experience life as worth living. This is impossible if we think of life as governed merely by mechanical forces or pure chance. Life makes sense only if we think of it as governed by a spiritual Power that makes for beauty. truth and goodness as the fulfillment of our deepest wants. That is why we believe in God. Since Jewish civilization has always striven to bring the life of the Jewish people into conformity with the law of God as they understood it, Judaism is a religious civilization.

# Q. Why is Judaismidynamic?

A. Judaism is dynamic because it adjusts itself creatively to changing conditions. In the past, it borrowed from other civilizations whatever would help it to make life better for the Jewish people and for the world. Jews tried to discover in every new experience what it had to teach them and they gave appropriate expression

to those new insights in their law, literature, ritual and social institutions. Thus, despite the ravages of time, Judaism has always been harmonious with the life of each generation, and has always helped Jews to live a worthwhile life and to make a worthy contribution to all human civilization.

# The Reconstructionist Program

Reconstructionism offers a new approach to Jewish living in America. It is a movement indigenous to America and wholly compatible with American democratic civilization. Reconstructionism represents an earnest attempt to ensure Jewish survival, both physical and spinitual, by indicating how to live a maximum Jewish life within the setting of a modern democratic state. It is the only movement in Jewish life today which tries to solve the problem of living in two civilizations at the same time.

Q. Has Jewish life been reconstructed before our tim-?

A. Yes. Reconstruction is not a radical departure. Whenever Judaism had to adjust itself to unprecedented conditions, it undervent changes which naturally were reflected in its ideas and institutions. Let us take one example. When the Kingdom of Judah lost its independence and the Temple was destroyed, the Jews of that time felt that Judaism was lost. The gods of Babylon, they believed, had won a decisive victory over their God. the Prophets taught otherwise. Under the guidance of prophets like Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the so-called second Isaiah, the Jews were taught that Israel's God was in fact the God of the whole world. This was a great deviation from the tribal conception that God was the God of the Israelites alone. The Prophets also taught that God could be worshipped anywhere and that He would send a righteous king to redeem Israel, a Messiah, who would rule so justly and in accordance with God's laws that the nations would voluntarily subject themselves to Israel's law and adbre Israel's God. These teachings led to the development of a new cind of state headed by a high priest and governed according to God's revealed law. Thus the Torah became the legal instrument of the second Jewish Commonwealth, something which it had not been under the David c dynasty. One must study Jewish history to see other instances of the reconstruction of Judaism. The very fact that Judaism has always been able to meet new issues should give us courage and faith in reconstructing it to satisfy present needs.

Q. What must be the basis of reconstructing Jewish life in the present crisis?

A. In this new era we should continue to emphasize that men can and must obey the law of God, but the law should not be regarded as being confined to any one book or any set of books. It can be discovered in everything that makes for a happier and better world. Jewish life should be reconstructed along democratic lines. Unity should be based on voluntary cooperation for common interests and purposes rather than on an enforced conformity with traditional laws, customs and rites assumed to possess supernatural sauction. All matters which affect the Jewish people as a whole must be decided by the community as a whole by majority rule after previous free and unfettered discussion. Bu: all matters which do

not require collective action by the community, such as the expression and practice of religion, must be treated in a way that permits full freedom of conscience without the application of any social pressure for conformity.

Q. What areas of Jewish life are the concern of the Reconstructionist movement?

A. Reconstructionism, because it views Judaism as a civilization, is interested in all aspects of Jewish life. Its specific program in America is to aid in the development of Eretz Yisrael; to strive for the reorganiza-tion of the American Jewish community on a representative democratic basis; to advocate the use of measures to re-vitalize the Jewish religion so that it will correspond to what modern Jews believe and so that it may express their living faith; to help in re-directing Jewish education to meet today's conditions; to encourage Jewish cultural creativity in literature and the arts, and to insist upon the participation of Jews in all activities and social movements which enhance the ideals of democracy and American

civilization and which seek to extend freedom, justice, equality, peace and plenty to all men and all nations.

## Eretz Yisrael

Q. Why is the Reconstructionist program predicated upon the development of Eretz Yisrael?

A. Every American Jew shares and should share the common civilization of America. In addition, American Jews must maintain Jewish civilization. Since Jews are a minority of the population, they are at a natural disadvantage. The Hebrew language, Jewish law, Jewish education, Jewish religion must all function in addition to and not in substitution for American civilization. The difficulties of maintaining Jewish :ivilization simultaneously with the civilization we share with our non-Jewish neighbors make necessary the re-enforcement of Judaism from a center where Jewish civilization is dominant because Jews are in the majority. Eretz Yisrael is historically the Jewish National Homeland and is the place where Judaism can develop as the primary civilization of the land. In Eretz Yisrael, Jewish life is self-determined and free from the necessity of adjusting itself to any other civilization. Jewish life there should fulfill the highest aspirations of Jews everywhere and must be built upon firm foundations of social, political and economic justice. It must serve as an example of the best in the ethical tradition of Judaism and become not only the cultural center of Jewry but a moral force in all Jewish life.

# Community

Q. Why is it necessary to organize the American Jewish Community?

A. Jewish community life in America, and in fact, everywhere else except Eretz Yisrael, has become fragmentized. For most Jews in America, Jewish life means giving a contribution for some Jewish 'cause," or going to synagogue twice or three times a year, or supporting an organization which is fighting anti-Semitism. For many Jews, there is no interest in Jewish life, nothing establishing bonds of unity nothing to make a Jew wish to remain a Jew, to make Jewishness a happy experience.

Q. What does the individual Jew seek from a Jewish life?

A. The individual Jew desires a sense of status. He wishes to belong to a group that cares about him. He wishes to achieve status and to have the Jewish people achieve it. He desires, also, a feeling of self respect and wants his people to be respected. He is eager to acquire a feeling of permanence, a realization that his life on earth has some lasting value. He wishes Jewish community life to be on so high a level that he will be proud to be identified with it. A democratically organized Jewish community, representing all Jews who wish to be identified as Jaws, can give to the individual and to the lewish people as a whole all of these things.

Q. How does the Reconstructionist movement envisage the reorganization of the Jewish community of America?

A. The Jewish community is really a branch of the Jevish people. It should be representative of every element in the community and should bring out the very best there is in its individual members. Reconstruction-

ism recommends the establishment of local organic communities throughout the United States through the setting up of a democratically organized body discharging the principal functions of Jewish life for the benefit of all Jews who wish to be identified with the Jewish people. A first step in the establishment of an organic community is the transfer of the functions of religion, education and recreation to a central body representative of the institutions in which these functions are lodged and their administration for the benefit of the entire Jewish community.

Q. What are some of the functions of the Jewish community?

A. The full organic Jewish community should supervise all fund-raising for local communal purposes, for the development of Eretz Yisrael and for the relief of Jews in distress anywhere in the world. It should administer funds raised for common local purposes. It should cirect all activities in which the Jewish community is interested, provide for the training of men and women for work in Jewish fields, such as social workers, edu-

cators, community center workers, rabbis, cantors. It should turn its attention to all Jewish problems such as anti-Semitism, economic maladjustments, the overcoming of physical, mental and social handicaps. It should set up bureaus of education, vocational guidance commissions, etc. It should maintain places of worship, assume responsibility for Jewish education, encourage Jewish literary and artistic effort, and insist upon a high standard of ethics among Jews. These are some of the duties of the Jewish community.

Q. What should be done about organizations which are national and international in scope?

A. Such organizations should also be organized on a federation basis. For example, funds for Eretz Yisrael, care of refugees, overseas relief are matters of international concern. Higher Jewish education, fighting anti-Semitism are national concerns. The agencies that deal with these matters should be working together and not at cross purposes nor wholly independently. Such mational organizations should be united into a body

consisting of democratically elected representatives to which shall be added representatives of the local Jewish communities of America. This body should maintain continuous contact with corresponding Jewish organizations in other countries.

Q. What would be the effect of community organization?

A. Jewry, for the first time since the abolition of the autonomous Jewish community, would have a structural form enabling it to function as a civilization. It would give the individual Jew status as a member of a religio-cultural group. Authority and responsibility for all collective action would be vested in the rank and file of Jewry and delegated by it to a responsible leadership. Participation in Jewish life would be worth while to the individual Jew because he would be part of a collective effort to attain all that makes for human fulfillment.

#### Education

Q. What direction shall the reconstruction of Jewish education take?

A. Civilizations perpetuate themselves by transmitting their acquired culture and ideals to each generation in such ways that the individual desires to be identified with the group. This process is called education, Jewish education, to be effective today, must give to the next generation the knowledge of the past so that the individual may be equipped to live in the present and to meet the problems of the foreseeable future. However, though the Jewish past must be taught, cognizance must be taken of the conditions under which Jewish life is lived today. Education must provide for adjustment to changed conditions.

#### Q. What are some of the elements of Jewish education?

A. Education includes every aspect of Jewish culture such as the Hebrew language, religion, literature, contemporary Jewish problems, music, the arts. We must remember, however, that Jewish education begins in the home. Impressions gained in the home and the influence of the home environment generally remain with the adult. The home, therefore, should be distinctively Jewish. Ceebration of the Sabbath and festivals, ritual observances, home devotions should be prac-

ticed in a manner that would render them meaningful for life today. For example, Pesah, the festival of freedom, should be related to the fight for freedom everywhere in the world. Hanukkah, representing the fight for religious freedom should be allied with the fight for religious freedom everywhere in the world. In addition, every possible means should be utilized to give the Jewish home an atmosphere that is culturally and esthetically Jewish such as the use of Jewish books, music, magazines, pictures, furnishings, records.

Jewish education, of course, should not be confined to the home. Some regular portion of the time of every adult and every child should be devoted to attaining knowledge of matters of Jewish interest. To create the necessary educational facilities is the responsibility of the Jewish community. To use them is the esponsibility of

every Jew.

## Religiou

Q. Reconstructionism advocates the reinterpretation of the Jewish religion. Why is this necessary?

A. Traditional religions are everywhere losing their hold on people.

This is because they seem unrelated to the needs and problems of modern life. Moreover, they include many ideas which have been proved erroneous by modern thought. But it is true that people in ancient times underwent experiences similar to our own. Birth, marriage, death, the struggle for a livelihood, conflicts between liberty and despotism, between selfishness and unselfishness, are experiences which are the same in all ages. While men in the past thought and felt about these matters as profoundly as we do today, they lived in a different world and thought in different terms. That makes it difficult for us to understand the implications of their thinking. But if we mentally reconstruct their world and translate what remains true in their thought into modern terms, we can make the tradition of the past help us to live in the present. We must view religion not as a superraturally revealed creed or code of laws but as the affirmation of the worthwalleness of life, as the search for a sincere faith through which to activate the desire to make the most of one's life. That means that we must make Jewish religion

relevant both to the personal life of the Jew and to Jewish living in two civilizations. The indifference to the Jewish religion on the part of many Jews is due to the fact that it is identified in their minds with some particular doctrine to which they cannot intellectually subscribe.

# Q. How can we re-vitalize Jewish religion?

A. We must realize that religion is the soul of the Jewish civilization. It lives and grows as Jewish civilization lives and grows. Religion must be reinterpreted in every generation so that it fits the needs of that generation. As we have pointed out, this is not new. Jewish religion has always re-vitalized itself by changing its beliefs and practices, discarding some and taking on others. The object was always to render life in general and Jewish existence in particular inherently worth while.

Such elements of the Jewish tradition as no longer fit the democratic tradition, for example the inferior status of the woman, should be discarded. At the same time, we must develop types of observances, devotional literature, sancta, which shall give religious significance to our experiences unprovided for by tradition. Furthermore, if we wish to keep religion vital for our day, we must keep religious thought free and untrammeled. We must not try to enforce standardized ritual practices or regimented religious thinking. Naturally, as much as possible of tradition should not only be retained but rendered meaningful for today. But, if we remember that the true function of religion is to influence the worshiper to harmonize his life with God as the Power that makes for self-realization, we will indeed make religion a positive force in the life of the individual Jew.

#### The Arms

Q. What does Peconstructonism propose for the cultivation of the arts?

A. There have always been art forms in Jewish life, such as music, literature, the dance, drama. The graphic arts were not emphasized because until modern times all art was religious, and the representation of deity in art forms was considered idolatrous from the viewpoint of Jewish religion. However, all through Jewish civilization beautiful art objects were made, such as ornaments for the Torah, candelabra, Kiddush cups and the like. All Jewish artists should be encouraged and stimulated to express their creativity within the sphere of Jewish civilization. Jewish artists can find much inspiration for emotional expression if they are encouraged to develop an interest in Jewish life. We must help them through every means such as subsidies, scholarships, art exhibits, contests, etc.

# American Civilization

Q. What has Reconstructionism to say concerning Jewish participation in social and civic movements in America?

A. The improvement of human relations has always been a major interest of Jewish civilization. The concepts of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are based on the Jewish view that mankind is one and must learn to transcend the differences that exist among its races. peoples and religions. Judaism sees in the brotherhood of man a cooperative effort to make a better life for all men. Jews must strive for the establishment of a social order that provides for the maximum of human cooperation and the maximum of personal liberty. All Jewish institutions must sensitize Jews to those social evils that impede the realization of this vision. Any civilization which does not try to eradicate poverty, corruption, exploitation, discrimination, disease, violence and war is a barbarism. Jewish communities must cooperate with all elements of the general population in furthering all movements which have as their purpose the extermination of these evils. Jews must do this, not only for the honor of the Jewish name, but as an exemplification of the age-old Jewish traditional belief in the dignity and the inviolability of each human soul,

#### Conclusion

We, of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement, have tried to give you a glimpse of what we mean by the Reconstructionist philosophy and program. We are aware that for every single question we have answered there are at least two new questions which come to your mind. We are convinced, however, that further study of Reconstructionism will prove that it is capable of infusing American Jewry with renewed vigor. We believe that by sharing our approach you will find satisfaction and happiness in Jewish living, and, at the same time, you will be discharging fully your responsibility of American citizenship. We are convinced, too, that within

We are convinced, too, that within the body of American Jewry there exist potentialities for greatness and creativity as yet untapped. And we have faith that American Jews can and will employ these potentialities to meet the unprecedented challenge of

our times.

# JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST FOUNDATION

The Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation is the administrative agency of the Reconstructionist Movement. At the Present time the Foundation

Publishes The Reconstructionist — a bi-weekly magazine, published from

October to June (20 issues).

Publishes books, which help to vitalize Jewish religion and other aspects of Jewish life.

Publishes pamphlets expounding the Reconstructionist attitude toward the community, toward Israel, toward Jewish education, religion and culture.

Publishes syllabi and other materials for study.

Sponsors Youth activities to prepare Jewish Youth for ntelligent participation in the life of the American Jewish community.

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- Introduction to Reconstructionism, by Hannah L. Goldberg.
- What Is Jewish Religion?, by Eugene Kohn.
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### CRITERIA OF JEWISH LOYALTY

In view of the changed conditions in Jewish life, the criterion of loyalty to Judaism can no longer be the acceptance of a creed, but the experience of the need to have one's life enriched by the Jewish heritage.

In being dedicated to the advancement of Judaism as a modern religious civilization, we subscribe to the following thirteen wants:

- We want Judaism to help us to overcome temptation, doubt and discouragement.
- We want Judaism to imbue us with a sense of responsibility for the righteous use of the blessings wherewith God endows us.
- 3. We want the Jews so to be trusted that his yea will be taken as yea, and his nay as nay.
  - We want to learn how to utilize our leisure to best advantage physically, intellectually and spiritually.
  - We want the Jewish home to live up to its traditional standards of virtue and piety.

- We want the Jewish upbringing of our children to further their moral and spiritual growth and to enable them to accept with joy their heritage as Jews.
- We want the synagogue to enable us to worship God in sincerity and truth.
- We want our religious traditions to be interpreted in terms of understandable experience and to be made relevant to our present day needs.
- We want to participate in the upbuilding of Eretz Yisrael as a means to the renaissance of the Jewish spirit.
- We want Judaism to find rich, manifold and ever new expression in philosophy, in letters, and in the arts.
- 11. We want all forms of Jewish organization to make for spiritual purpose and ethical endeavor.
- 12. We want the unity of Israel throughout the world to be fostered through mutual help in time of need, and through cooperation in the furtherance of Judaism as all times.
- 13. We want Judaism to function as a potent influence for justice, freedom and peace in the lift of men and nations.

## RECONSTRUCTIONISM IN ACTION

#### What Reconstructionists Are Expected To Do:

To provide their children with an intensive Jewish training, which should continue far into the years of adolescence.

To affiliate with communal organizations which are essential to the continuance of Jewish life in the Diaspora, such as federations, congregations and educational associations.

To take an active part in the upbuilding of Israel by giving it both material and moral support.

To foster the cultivation and growth of the Hebrew language and literature.

To encourage in the Jewish school and pulpit the revaluation of Israel's past in terms of the present-day world outlook.

To devote some time each week to individual study and group discussion of the ethical aspect of all problems touching human life.

To translate their ethical ideals into actual conduct in their home life, in their dealings with their neighbors, in their work and in their play.

# Specific Suggestions For Individuals And Groups

- Intensification of Jewish home life.
  - (a) Observe the ceremonies Sabbath, Festival, Kashrut and Prayer — in as impressive and beautiful a manner as possible.
  - (b) Indicate a positive interest in the child's progress in Hebrew School. Arrange for a children's story hour on Sabbaths and holidays, and provide for the discussion of events of Jewish interest.
  - (c) Encourage the use of Jewish songs at hone on Sabbath and festival gatherings.
  - (d) Arrange for regular purehasing of books in English pertaining to Jewish life; e.g., subscribe to the Jewish Publication Society.
  - (e) Subscribe to some good Jewish magazine:
  - (f) Build up a Jewish library for your child at home.

- (g) Introduce into the home original art works or reproductions dealing with Jewish themes. Utilize the industrial and art products of Eretz Yisrael.
- Organization of study and discussion units engaging in some of the following activities.
  - (a) Study of Hebrew language and literature.
  - (b) Study of Jewish History from the modern point of view.
  - (c) Study of contemporary Jewish problems and events, e.g., modern thought in Jewish life, the problem of religion, the Jew in economics and culture.

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- (d) Consideration of present day ethical problems.
- (e) Discussion of the outstanding Jewish book of the month,
- Cultivation of the aesthetic phase of Jewish life.
  - (a) Introduce congreg ational

singing in religious services and publishing of phonograph records.

- (b) Organize a creative youngfolks group to express itself Jewishly through creation of art objects and designs of a Jewish character.
- (c) Arrange for an exhibition of art objects dealing with Jewish themes.
- (d) Arrange for annual exhibition of art objects and industrial products of Israel.
- (e) Organize a dramatic unit to produce plays in either English, Hebrew or Yiddish.
- (f) Organize Jewish choral units and arrangement of concerts of Jewish music.
- (g) Conduct a public forum which will concern itself with topics of Jewish interest.
- (h) Stimulate the production of new Jewish music or Jewish art by offering some munificent award.

IV. Participation in Jewish communal life here and abroad, and working for the upbuilding of Israel.

(a) Engage in specific communal

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(b) Develop an interest in American Jewish social life, and in the problems of Jewish life in the Diaspora and in Israel.

- (e) The group may become a member of the local Zionist organization or engage in Zionist activity without official relationship.
- Promotion of Jewish elementary education.
  - (a) Organize a group to stimulate Jewish education.
  - (b) Advocate a minimum of a three-day-1-week Hebrew school.

#### CITIES WITH JEWISH POPULATION OF 10,000 AND OVER

Atlanta, Ga.	
Baltimore, Md.	
Bayonne, N. J.	
Boston, Mass.	
Bridgeport, Conn	
Buffalo, N. Y	
Chicago, Ill.	100,000
Cincinnati, Ohio	22,000
Cleveland, Ohio	80,000
Dallas, Texas	
Denver, Cole,	
Detroit, Mich.	90,000
Elizabeth, N. J.	10,000
Hartford, Conn.	26,000
Houston, Texas Jersey City, N. J.	14,000
Jersey City, P. J.	18,000
Kansas City, Mo	20,000
Lynn, Mass.	10,000
Miami, Fla.	40,000
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Minneapolis, Minn. Mount Vernon, N. Y.	10.000
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Newark, N. J.	56,800
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Paterson, N. J.	20,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	245,000
Pittsburgh, Pa.	54,000
Providence, R. I.	25,000
Rochester, N. Y.	20,000
St. Louis, Mo	44,000
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Syracuse, N. Y.	10,000
Washington, D. C.	30,000

#### ABRIDGED HEBREW CALENDAR FOR

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Fast of Gedalish	. Thursday, Sept. 14
Yom Kippur	Thursday, Sept. 21
Sukket-1st Day	Tuesday, Sept. 26
Hosha nah Rabbah	Monday, Oct. 2
Shemini Aseret	Tuesday, Oct. 3
Simhat Torah	Wednesday Oct. 4
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Shabuot Sunday, June 10
Rosh Hodesh Tammuz Thura, July 5
Shibsah Asar BeTammuz Sunday, July 22
Rosh Hodesh Ab Sunday, Aug. 32
Rosh Hodesh Elul Sunday, Sept. 2

<sup>\*</sup>Previous day is also celebrated as Rosh Hodesh.

#### ABRIDGED HEBREW CALENDAR FOR

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Fast of Gedaliah	Wednesday, Oct. 3
Yom Kippur	
	Monday, Oct. 15
Hosha'nah Rabbah	Sunday, Oct. 21
Shemini Azeret	Monday, Oct. 22
Simhat Torah	
*Rosh Hodesh Heshvan	Wednesday, Oct. 31
*Rosh Hodesh Kisley	Friday, Nov. 30
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*Rosh Hodesh Tebet	Saturday, Dec. 30

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Fast of Esther	Monday, Mar. 10
Purim	Tuesday, Mar. 11
Rosh Hodesh Nisan	Thursday, Mar. 27
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*Rosh Hodesh Iyar	_ Saturday, Apr. 26
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Rosh Hodesh Sivas	Saturday, May 25
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SHEMINI AZERET (Eighth Day of Assembly), designated in the Bible as a day of holy assembly, is celebrated after the seventh day of Sukkot as the concluding festival of the sesson.

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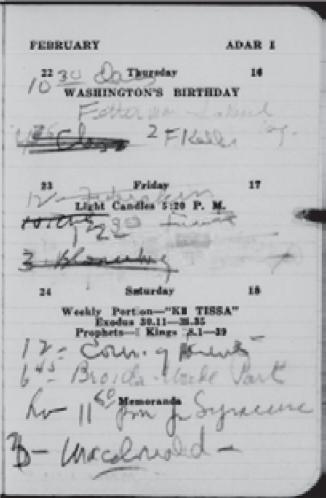
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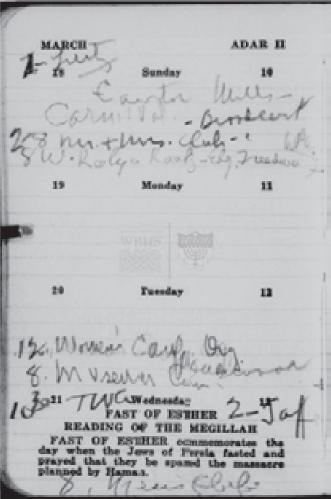
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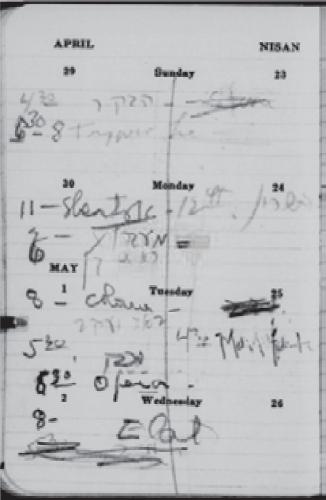
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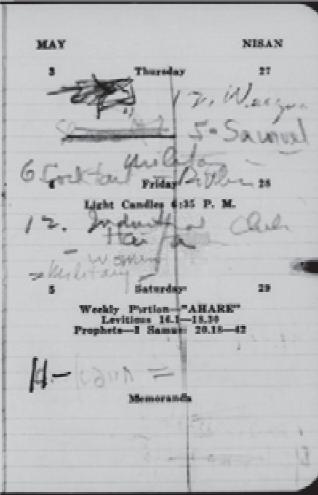
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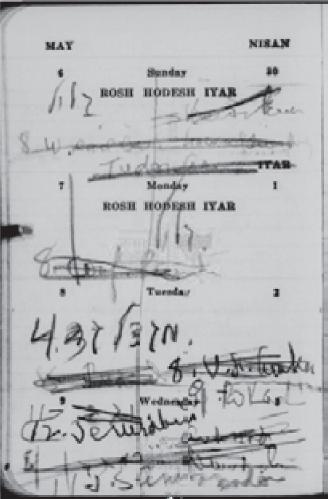
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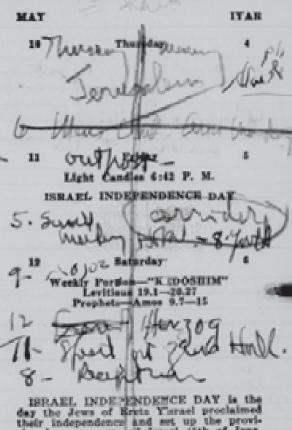
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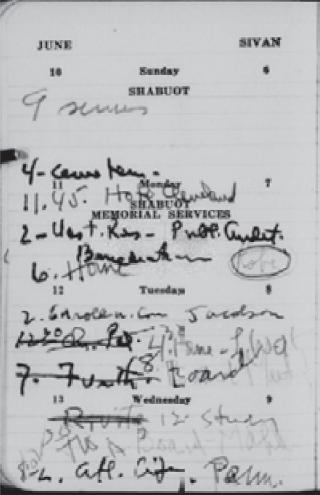
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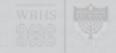
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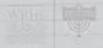
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The Society for the Advancement of Judaism was founded in New York City in 1922 by Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan. The Society was established in the belief that the future of Judaism depended on something more than an acceptable ideology. The significance of creating a Jewish atmosphere, social contact and interaction, was emphasized. In addition, however, it was Dr. Kaplan's purpose to teach a new conception of Judaism which had its roots in tradition; but which was adjusted to the best thought of the present day.

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In 1935 the Societ made possible the establishment of the Reconstructionist magazine, a bi-weekly devoted to the exposition of Judaism as an evolving religious civilization. As a result of the influence of this publication and of the books written by Dr. Kaplan and his colleagues, the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement came into being. Members of the S.A.J. have been most instrumental in setting up the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc., to which the following pages are devoted.

The Society conducts a Synagogue, an elementary Hebrew School, high school classes, youth groups and adult education courses for its local membership. Through these various channels experiments are constantly being performed with a view to incorporating the basic postulates of Reconstructionism.

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Reconstructionism, a movement indigenous to America, offers a new approach to American Jewish living. It represents an attempt to assure physical and spiritual Jewish survival by indicating how to live a maximum Jewish life within the setting of a modern democratic state. Though its program is directed specifically to American Jews, its philosophy applies to Jewish life everywhere.

Reconstructionism defines Judaism as a dynamic religious civilization. It sees the need for: helping to bring about the spiritual unity of the Jewish people striving for the reorganization of the American Jewish community; aiding in the development of Israel; revitalizing Jewish religion; encouraging Jewish cultural creativity in education, literature and the arts; intensifying participation by Jews in all activities that enhance the ideals of democracy and America and that seek to extend freedom, justice, equality and peace to all men and all nations. To the ultimate achievement of these objectives, Reconstructionists are dedicated.

# The Spiritual Unity of Jewry

Every Jew depends upon every other Jew for the energy, resources and courage with which to be a Jew. This interdependence ought to be given such formal recognition as would endow all Jews throughout the world with the status of a people. Thus, affiliation with the Jewish people would be morally binding upon all who wish to be identified as Jews.

# Reorganization of the American Jewish Community

The individual Jew desires to belong to a group that cares about him and that has status. To attract the individual Jew, Jewish community life must be on so high a level that he will be proud to be a part of it. A Jewish community, democratically organized and representing all Jews who wish to be identified with it, can give to the individual and to the Jewish community as a whole a feeling of belonging and a sense of security.

The establishment in local areas throughout the United States of organic Jewish communities which would discharge the principal functions of Jewish life and which would be representative of all elements in the Jewish community, would give the individual Jew status as a member of a religio-cultural group. Recause he would then be part of a collective effort to attain that which makes for human fulfillment, the individual Jew would find participation in Jewish life worthwhile.

# The Development of Israel

As Americans, our primary civilization is American, and as Jews we share with Jews throughout the world the civilization of the Jewish people. The hub of Jewish civilization is bound to be in Israel, where it is the primary zivilization of the land and where the spiritual and cultural revival provides a reservoir of social and ethical values for all Jewry. In Israel, Jewish life can fulfill the highest aspirations of Jews everywhere and should, therefore, be built upon firm foundations of social, political, and economic justice for all inhabitants. It can serve as an example of the best in the ethical tradition of Judaism and it can be a moral force for all Jewish life.

# The Revitalization of Jewish Religion

Traditional religions, because they appear to be unrelated to the needs and problems of modern life, seem to be losing their hold on many people. Jewish religion, to be a vital force in the life of the individual Jew, should be relevant to his everyday actions and should have meaning for Jewish living in two civilizations, the American and the Jewish. Indifference to Jewish religion on the part of many Jews stems from the fact that religion, in their minds, is identified with particular doctrines and practices to which they cannot subscribe intellectually. However, religion can be so re-interpreted in every generation as to meet both the intellectual demands and the spiritual needs of that generation. It should always be recognized that the true function of religion is to influence man to live in harmony with God as the Power that makes for the realization of the best in one's self and in one's people. If this principle is followed, Jevish religion can be a meaningful experience for all Jews.

#### The Need For Effective Jewish Education

Jewish education to be effective today should give to the next generation the knowledge of the past so that the individual may be equipped to live in the present and be prepared to meet the problems of the foresceable future. Education includes every aspect of Jewish culture such as the Hebrew language, religion, litera-ture, contemporary Jewish problems, music, the arts. Because the home is so important an influence in all education, the Jewish home should have a cultural and spiritual atmosphere that is authentically Jewish. Since education is not confined to the home, however, some regular portion of the time of each adult and child should be devoted to attaining knowledge of matters of Jewish interest.

# The Need To Culti-ate The Arts

Art forms such as music, the dance, literature, have always existed in Jewish life. The grap-lic arts, such as sculpture and drawing, were not emphasized since ancient and medieval art was largely religious and to rep-

resent Diety in art forms was considered idolatrous from the viewpoint of Jewish religion. Jewish artists today ought to be encouraged and stimulated to express their creativity within the sphere of Jewish civilization. They should be assisted through every means such as subsidies, scholarships, art exhibits and promotion of competitive contests.

# The Need To Participate In American Civilization

The improvement of haman relations has always been a major element in Jewish civilization. The concepts of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are based on the Jewish view that nankind is one, that man must learn to rise above the differences that exist among races, peoples and religions. Judaism believes that the Brotherhood of Man means a cooperative effort to make a better life for all men. Jews should strive for the establishment of a social order that allows the maximum of human cooperation with the maximum of personal liberty. Jewish organizations and institutions ought to make Jews sensitive to those social

evils that impede the realization of this vision. Jewish communities and Jews as individuals must cooperate with the general population in furthering all movements which have as their purpose the eradication of poverty, exploitation, violence and war.

#### Conclusion

In the above statement a glimpse of Reconstructionist philosophy and of its program for action has been presented. Many questions have been unanswered. It is the conviction, however, of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, the fiscal and administrative arm of the Reconstructionist movement, that the application of Reconstructionism to American Judaism will infuse it with renewed vigor and will bring satisfaction and happiness in Jewish living. Within the body of American Jewny there exists potentialities for greatness and creativity as yet untapped. American Jews con and will use these potentialities to meet the unprecedented challenge of our age.

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# CRITERIA OF JEWISH LOYALTY

In view of the changed conditions in Jewish life, the criterion of loyalty to Judaism can no longer be the acceptance of a creed, but the experience of the need to have one's life enriched by the Jewish heritage.

In being dedicated to the advancement of Judaism as a modern religious civilization, we subscribe to the following thirteen wants:

- We want Judaism to help us to overcome temptation, doubt and discouragement.
- We want Judaism to imbue us with a sense of responsibility for the righteous use of the blessings wherewith God endows us.
- We want the Jew so to be trusted that his yea will be taken as yea, and his nay as nay.
- We want to learn how to utilize our leisure to best advantage physically, intellectually and spiritually.
- We want the Jewish home to live up to its traditional stundards of virtue and piety.

- 6. We want the Jewish upbringing of our children to further their moral and spiritual growth and to enable them to accept with joy their heritage as Jews.
- 7. We want the synagogue to enable us to worship God in sincerity and truth.

8. We want our religious traditions to be interpreted in terms of understandable experience and to be made relevant to our present day needs.

9. We want to participate in the upbuilding of Eretz Yisrael as a means to the renaissance of the Jew-

ish spirit.

10. We want Judaism to find rich, manifold and ever rew expression in philosophy, in letters, and in the arts.

11. We want all forms of Jewish organization to make for spiritual pur-

pose and ethical enceavor.

12. We want the unity of Israel throughout the world to be fostered through mutual help in time of need, and through cooperation in the furtherance of Judaism at all times.

13. We want Judaism to function as a potent influence for justice, freedom and peace in the life of men and

nations.

#### RECONSTRUCTIONISM IN ACTION

# What Reconstructionists Are Expected To Do:

To provide their children with an intensive Jewish training, which should continue far into the years of adolescence.

To affiliate with communal organizations which are essential to the continuance of Jewish life in the Diaspora, such as federations, congregations and educational associations.

To take an active part in the upbuilding of Israel by giving it both

material and moral support.

To foster the cultivation and growth of the Hebrew language and literature.

To encourage in the Jewish school and pulpit the revaluation of Israel's past in terms of the present-day world outlook.

To devote some time each week to individual study and group discussion of the ethical aspect of all problems

touching human life.

To translate their ethical ideals into actual conduct in their home life, in their dealings with their neighbors, in their work and in their play.

# Specific Suggestions For Individuals And Groups

- Intensification of Jewish home life.
  - (a) Observe the ceremonies Sabbath, Festival, Kashrut and Prayer — in as impressive and beautiful a manner as possible.
  - (b) Indicate a positive interest in the child's progress in Hebrew School. Arrange for a children's story hour on Sabbaths and holidays, and provide for the discussion of events of Jewish interest.

(c) Encourage the use of Jewish songs at home on Sabbath and festival gatherings.

- (d) Arrange for regular purchasing of books in English pertaining to Jewish life; e.g., subscribe to the Jewish Publication Society.
- (e) Subscribe to some good Jewish magazins.
- (f) Build up a Jewish library for your child at home.

- (g) Introduce into the home original art works or reproductions dealing with Jewish themes. Utilize the industrial and art products of Eretz Yisrael.
- Organization of study and discussion units engaging in some of the following activities.
  - (a) Study of Hebrew language and literature.
  - (b) Study of Jewish History from the modern point of view.
  - (c) Study of contemporary Jewish problems and events, e.g., modern thought in Jewish life, the problem of religion, the Jew in sconomics and culture.
  - (d) Consideration of present day ethical problems.
  - (e) Discussion of the outstanding Jewish book of the month.
  - Cultivation of the aesthetic phase of Jewish life.
    - (a) Introduce congregational

singing in religious services and publishing of phonograph records.

- (b) Organize a creative youngfolks group to express itself Jewishly through creation of art objects and designs of a Jewish character,
- (c) Arrange for an exhibition of art objects dealing with Jewish themes.
- (d) Arrange for annual exhibition of art objects and industrial products of Israel.
- (e) Organize a dramatic unit to produce plays in either English, Hebrew or Yiddish.
- (f) Organize Jewish choral units and arrangement of concerts of Jewish music.
- (g) Conduct a public forum which will concern itself with topics of Jewish interest.
- (h) Stimulate the production of new Jewish music or Jewish art by offering some munificent award.

IV. Participation in Jewish communal life here and abroad, and working for the upbuilding of Israel.

(a) Engage in specific communal

projects.

(b) Develop an interest in American Jewish social life, and in the problems of Jewish life in the Diaspora and in Israel.

(e) The group may become a member of the local Zionist organization or engage in Zionist activity without official relationship.

V. Promotion of Jewish elementary

(e) Organize a group to stimulate Jewish education.

(b) Assesse a minimum of S chart-day-a week Hebrew school.

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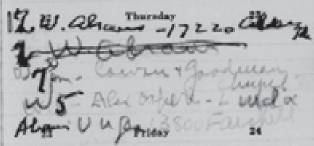
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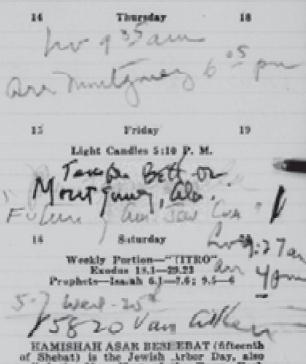
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HAMISHAH ASAR BESHEBAT (fifteenth of Shebat) is the Jewish Arbor Day, also called the New Year of the Trees. Each year in Israel school children use the day for planting thousands of trees. In the Diaspora it is used as an occasion for stressing the significance of the upbuilding of israel.

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SHABBAT SHEHALIM Weekly Portion—"MISHPATIM" Excdus 21.1—24.18; 99.11—14 Prophets—II Kings 12.1—17

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SHABBAT SHEXALIM: During Temple times the call for the payment of the pbli tax of half a shexel by every adult Jew was announced on the first day of the twelfth month (Alar). As a reminder of this duty the passage from Exedus xxx. 11-16 was read on the Salbath preceding.

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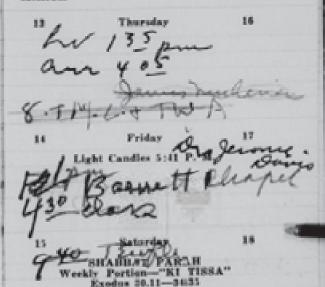
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SHABBAT PARAH Preceding the Passover, proper steps to become ritually clean had to be taken as preparation for the eating of the Paschal lamb. Hence the law concerning the ashes of the red heifer. Parah Adumah (Numbers six), was read.

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SHABBAT HACADOL Weekly Portion—"ZAV" Leviticus 6.1—8.36 Prophets—Malachi 2.4—24

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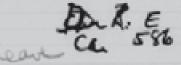
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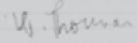


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