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Confirmation program, script and notes, 1959.

Confirmation Class

1959-5719

BOYS

STEVEN R. BORSTEIN
ROBERT S. BRUCH
GEORGE H. DORSEY
JAMES EGER
LAWRENCE FISHMAN
RICKY ALAN FISHMAN
TERRY WILLIAM FORMAN
JACK SELIG FUHRER
KENNETH GILMAN
GERALD W. GOLDBERG
BENSON GOLDSTEIN
ROBERT ALAN IRLIN
MURRAY R. JACOBSON
DENNIS M. KAUFMAN
ROBERT DAVID KENDIS
JEFFREY MICHAEL LEB KLEIN
STANLEY KRASNOW
BARRY LELAND KYMAN
JAY L. LAZAR
CHARLES KAYE LEDSKY
HARVEY BENNETT LEFTON
JOHN NORMAN LIEBERMAN

LAWRENCE ROBERT LOEB
JEFFREY LEE MELDON
HUBERT S. OBSTGARTEN
S. HOWARD REESE
BRIAN H. RICHMAN
JEFFREY B. ROSS
CHARLES ROBERT SCHAEFER
ROBERT SCHERL
RICHARD A. SCHIFFER
EDWARD SCHOR
STUART B. SEARS
JOHN SEIDMAN
MICHAEL SHAPERO
MARC ALAN SIEGLER
JEFFREY ALAN SKORMAN
ROBERT F. SOBOL
STEVEN ALAN SOLOMON
DAVID S. STERN
THOMAS LEE ULLMO
DAVID WOLKIN
CARY JAY ZUCKER

GIRLS

KERRY JENE ARDAY
LYNN ELIZABETH BASSICHIS
CAROLEE BAUM
WENDI M. BERGMAN
JOYCE HELENE BERLAND
GLORIA JEANETTE BERNARDI
MARCIE BEYER
NOREEN ANN BREEN
SUSAN ELLEN CONFELD
MARILYN LEE DAVIS
JOY ANN FOX
DONNA J. FRIEDMAN
JUDITH CAROLE FRIEDMAN
LESLIE ELLEN FRIEDMAN
NANCY SUZANNE FRIEDMAN
MARILYN GANON
ELLEN JOAN GANS
NANCY SUZANNE GLICKMAN
LINDA CAROL CORE
KAREN D. GUTHRIE
SHARON GUTHRIE
NANCY LOUISE HEIBER
GLORIA RUTH HELLER
JOYCE E. JACOBS
JANE JACOBSON
JUDITH LEE JACOBSON
JUDITH ANN JAFFE

SUSAN WISE JARRETT
JONI KRAVITZ
JUDITH LYNN LAZAR
BARBARA ANN LEVIN
LINDA JANE LEVIN
BARBARA JOAN LEVINE
RUTH ANN LOCKE
WENDY SUE MANDEL
CAROL ANN MORSE
JUDITH ANN MORSE
HALLIE W. MOSS
BARBARA ANN NOLL
BEVERLY PRICE
LYNNE BEVERLY ROBERTS
PAM ROSENBERG
SHARYN KAY SADUGOR
LINDA SCHERMER
DOROTHY SCHINDLER
BONNIE SESKIN
LYN SILBERMAN
ROLLYN KATHY SIMON
TERRY LYN STERN
MARSHA SUSAN TEITELBAUM
ALICE WEIS
MADELINE KAY WOLFE
LINDA LOU WOODLE

Barbara Joan Levine has achieved an unusual and praiseworthy record during her nine years in the Religious School. Out of a possible maximum of 28 Certificates for Scholarship and Attendance, she has received 28. An excellent record was also achieved by Linda Jane Levin, who received 26 Certificates.

The Temple

Congregation Tifereth Israel

Rabbis

Abba Hillel Silber

Daniel Jeremy Silber

Herbert H. Rose

1959

5719

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Confirmation Service

Confirmation Service

Shabuot, Friday, June 12, 1959

Nine-thirty o'clock

Organ Prelude	A. R. Willard
Shabuot Service — Pages 210-243	Rabbi Herbert H. Rose
Anthem — Holy, Holy, Holy (Gounod)	Choir
Processional — Blessed, O Blessed	Class
Welcome	Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Blessed Be Ye Who Come (Gounod)	Choir
Opening Prayer	Barbara Joan Levine
Lord What Offering Shall We Bring	Class
The Flower Offering	Linda Jane Levin

The Reading from the Torah

Prayer Before Taking Out the Scrolls	Marc Alan Siegler
Exaltation of the Scrolls	Harvey Bennett Lefton
The Ten Commandments — In Hebrew	{ Jay L. Lazar Robert Alan Irlen
The Ten Commandments — In English	{ Marcie Beyer Nancy Louise Heiber Gloria Ruth Heller
Reading of the Haftarah	{ Charles Robert Schaefer Marilyn Ganon
The Festival of Shabuot	Marsha Susan Teitelbaum
Prayer for the Household of Israel	Carol Ann Morse
Prayer	Leslie Ellen Friedman
Returning the Scrolls	Robert David Kendis
Response — Etz Chayim (Moses)	Choir
Uvnucho Yomar (Traditional)	Miss Wischmeyer and Choir

The Faith of the Jew and the Obligations of Jewish Life

God	Carolee Baum
Man	Murray R. Jacobson
Israel	Linda Lou Woodle
One World	John Seidman
The Synagogue	Nancy Suzanne Friedman
The School	Thomas Lee Ullmo
The Home	Lynn Elizabeth Bassichis

Solo — Shomer Yisroel (Rosenblatt)	Mr. Humphrey
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Our Own Day

The State of Israel	Steven Alan Solomon
The United Nations	Gloria Jeanette Bernardi
Democracy	Ricky Alan Fishman
The Privileges and Responsibilities of Citizenship	Sharyn Kay Sadugor
America	Judith Carole Friedman

Confirmation

Address to the Confirmands	Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
Closing Prayer	Ellen Joan Gans
Dedication to the Faith	Class
The Confirmation Hymn	Class
Blessing of the Confirmands	Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Concluding Service — Pages 274-277	
Benediction	

CONFIRMATION SERMON -- 1959

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

It was a long and difficult journey. When the road was closed and pass
further and we resulted in a rule by night - but when the road was open
unusually steep ascent on a dangerous road with a precipitous
with depths to be avoided - the father held his son, lifted him on his
shoulder and kept him steady and small to the top.

One late afternoon in a moment of confusion for the mountain
narrow lane, the two hikers found themselves facing the descent of
a fortified & walled up - only a narrow lane that all gates were already set
down for the night. To come in the open air was the least hope. Only
one possibility remained. The hiker would have to hold his right possibly
behold the scale the left wall - fully fortified & behold under would
never support the weight.

The father looked "You know my son that until the moment when
I should have you from my side and help you on any day. My thought has
been yours. But my thought can carry you no further. It is now up to you
as you can go no further in safety unless you are able to make your way up
the wall - and the path from within.

My friend & teacher - life is as you will increasingly as you are a long
and difficult journey. For a long while an parent and teacher and friend
advice would make us & when necessary lift us as it were to their
shoulder - guide us safely through all danger. But now a responsibility

The
guidance and knowledge, and the physical support are no longer
we require them.

But now comes an occasion - and when the occasion arises
when parent and teacher and friend, friend can no longer lift us to
their shoulder - where must we most climb the steep high wall
alone & unaided.

How shall you do when you are on your own?

Will you be as you are now? Will you be as you are now?
You will be.

- Will you love to you with or without you asked?
- Will you be self-sufficient or gentle and generous?
- Will you concern yourself with the general welfare or be indifferent to need other than your own?

No one can guarantee you success - and you must make use of every advantage you have - not as a fact - as a person I should say act - of your confidence - it is ^{hopeful} promised that you will always be able to lead a life as to be best under you.

Confidence followers of Israel "established ourselves more firmly" - what is that followers? I would like to recall



the night may be dangerous and costly to us. He risked perhaps being
attacked by his fellow workers - perhaps being snubbed and ignored by
his whole group - certainly the humiliation of confession and apology.

all through the night the Battle was in the struggle between conviction
and caution waged within him. In one of the most beautifully stated
descriptions in the world literature the inner struggle is put there as
an actual working match between Jacob and an unknown assailant. At
last the whole night, it demanded great freedom and fortitude on Jacob's part -
yet by morning it is clear that the counsel of pity would win out - no
longer triumph and triumph of which great nothing over his weaker impulses -
he gives a new name David - (he who smelted with God and has proven
his might)

You - the members of the confirmation class - have come before this congregation
and have asked to be enrolled among the children of Israel - among the
people who prize character and value highly moral courage.

You have pledged yourself to the basic moral affirmations which have always been
central in Jewish life since that day at Sinai - millennia ago - when God first
revealed the Code of Right and Wrong which you analyzed and explained to
us this morning.

I am trying here only to remind you of the fact that this pledge should not be
taken lightly. It is easy to speak words to day. It is not so without difficulty
to live up to them tomorrow

Each of you will find in this Jewish - moment of crisis of decision. Shall
we bumble like a lost to some weakness or admit our failure
and possibly be subjected to criticism and perhaps even persecution? Shall
we seek friends and contact at any cost even if it means danger, who
means and what we believe? Shall we follow the strict self restraint of
the Bible teachings or indulge in the minor weaknesses which our society
condones and our friends challenge us to attempt? Shall we strike back at
someone we do not like or at someone who has teased us in competition
of malicious gossip and innuendo out of a desire to feel some measure
of triumph? Life is filled with temptations. You will find many who
advise you to "be sensible - to be realistic - to put aside principle for
personal gain or personal pleasure."

Other unusual de union must be made whether to speak out or keep silent.
When individuals of prejudice are confronted about the Jews with pleasant
or unpleasant news - at the cost perhaps of alienating an acquaintance.
When you are an ingenuito in your community do you choose to report the
news or do you keep silent because the majority believe otherwise. It
is realistic to ask what party lies in conformity - but to this the fact that
a descendant of Jesus can be good is also a source of conformity
but it is the power of conscience?

You play yourself out day to judgment. We have promised you and will
continue to make for ours of judgment: moral and spiritual might - you
must provide us with a gift under conscience which will connect
us with our people who are ready to die.

It can really be said that we have made you a Jew Temple.
It can not provide that you play in many things for us close to
our people.

An old hands can not say that you would change before he goes for it.

But let us be prepared.
That if you truly believe in God and in
the Jews and among them who are called to be with God and in the
a better world.

If you are a Jew who will not take the message of religion
to be a person and who
must be with religion
which is the human life
and as with progress

If you want to live in truth and honesty without problems or hypocrisy,
You must find in your heart faith in ourselves, in ourselves
positive and in ourselves negative - You will find that we have
the insight and the guidance which we demand and which we must
of ourselves and of you both.

If all that you do to things with yourself in an effort to make the
best person out of it. But you are
You will see that the same person who is not a Jew is
different and the people who are

in afternoon will fill your lips always with
self-acting & happiness which are after all
of the essence of our life's work.

mindful of our situation & obligations - it gives me great pleasure to welcome
you - the Executive Board of Beth Tzedek of 1956 to our honorable and
uninterrupted and time tested faith - may you live up always to its
finest teachings and may you find always in its teachings and practices the
guidance and sustaining courage that you should rightfully expect them to find



CONFIRMATION - 1959
Friday, June 12th,
at 9:30 A. M.

9:30 Psalm 100, O be joyful
Bor'chu
Sh'ma
Mi Chomocho
Amen
Kedusha
Amen
X Yevorechecho, ms or page 49
Amen
May the words

Stanford
Norden - H
Norden - H
Norden
G minor - H (3 chords)
Norden - H
G minor - H
Schlesinger
Gm - H
Robyn A-T #1

10:00 Holy, Holy Gounod
N.B. Omit 2nd tenor solo, and at end sing two
Amens, 1st ff and 2nd pp
Hymn 154 immediately in unison. For words of
3rd verse sing 1st verse over again, with
"youth to the Lord" to 2nd ending
Blessed be ye Gounod
Flower Hymn - Weber - in unison to words on card.
Keep singing until signal shows that class has
finished marching.
Amen G minor - H
En komocho Norden
(Q) Adonoy, adonoy, page 23 Saminsky
(Q) Boruch shenosan, Ms Bks
(Q) Sh'ma, old Hymnal, bass first, then all, then
(Q) Lecho Adonoy immediately, Norden page 25, 4th
measure, do not sing Norden Sh'ma, but begin
as above.
Etz Chayim, page 26 Rogers
Solo and choir, Uvnucho yomar
Readings
Solo - Shomer yisroel, Mr. Humphrey
Closing prayer, Amen in G minor - H
Hymn 150 in unison, men do not sing 3rd verse
Confirmation, with instrumental program - V-C-H
Olenu, vaanachnu, Ms. Bks.
Final Amen in A, Ms. Bks.

(Q) means "quick find" with but little time in between numbers

all new 1959

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION SERVICE

I. Processional

- A. a) Students march in (boys first - by height, shortest first)
 - b) Keep 3 ft. apart
 - c) Meet at Center aisles back of Temple and down to seats - watch partner on opposite side
- B. As children reach seats they remain standing. When all are assembled class sings "Blessed, Oh Blessed"
- C. Rabbi pronounces "Welcome" to the class. Last sentence "May the Memories of this day abide with you forever".

II. Floral Offering

- A. After organ introduction of "Lord What Offering" -- entire class turns to side ready to ascend pulpit for floral offering
- B. Class sings "Lord What Offering" throughout the Floral Offering
- C. Students pick up bible in front of altar - girls place flowers in containers on each side of altar - then take bible.
- D. Girl who has Floral part remains on pulpit ready to recite her part when all of class are standing in their places again.

Students are now seated.

III. Torah Service

- A. All students in Torah Service ascend pulpit together. Line up on either side of ark according to height.

IV. Faith of Jew and Obligation etc

- A. Students ascend pulpit individually as one finishes and descends steps - next child goes up.

V. "Our Own Day" -- same as above

VI. Children rise for closing prayer

- A. Remain standing through Confirmation Hymn ("Father See" etc)
- B. After hymn, girls are seated - boys turn and ascend pulpit - line up in rows facing ark. They are blessed by two's - descend pulpit and go to their parents for blessing - then return to their seats (they are seated). As last 2 boys reach floor - girls rise and repeat above procedure.

VII. At all times - children ascend pulpit by steps at far ends of pulpit - and descend at center steps.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDERaymond Friedlander

INVOCATIONRabbi Milton Matz

PROCESSIONALChoir and Organ

FLORAL OFFERINGKaren Schwarzkopf X 2

BORCHU *BRESS butta after placing of flowers*Alice Maze

SH'MAJudy Vogel X 3

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. Thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates: That ye may remember and do all My commandments and be holy unto your God.

TO OUR PARENTSLouise Riber X-Dom 4

TORAH SERVICEStuart Goode
Leonard Levy

TEN COMMANDMENTSRobert Sommer X-Dom 5

HAFTOROJanet Lory

CONFIRMATION VOWElaine Berman

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

THE MYSTERYKaren Schwarzkopf ✓

THE VOICE OF GODAlice Maze ✓

THE VOICE OF THE TORAHRobert Sommer ✓

THE VOICE AT SINAIElaine Berman ✓

THE VOICE OF THE PROPHETSJanet Lory X premerge

THE VOICE OF THE PSALMSLouise Riber ✓ more emphasis

THE VOICE OF WISDOMJudy Blumenfield

THE VOICE OF THE FATHERSLeonard Levy

THE VOICE OF THE TALMUDJudy Vogel X memorize

THE STILL SMALL VOICEStuart Goode X more emphasis

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CHARGE AND BLESSINGRabbi

Y'VORECHOCHO BY BLOCHChoir

for thanks Monty & Pam

ADORATIONRabbi

Let us adore the ever-living God, and render praise unto Him who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is manifest throughout the world. He is our God; there is none else. We bow the head in reverence, and worship the King of kings, the Holy One, praise be He.

*Joseph Karen Schwartzkopf & family
Melch Melcher Handelman & family*
OLENUChoir

KADDISHCongregation and Rabbi

PRESENTATIONS:Joseph Lustfield
board chairman

Raymond Schwarzkopf
president

Mrs. Charles Sabath
sisterhood president

HYMN "EN KELOHENU"Congregation and Choir

CLOSING PRAYERJudy Blumenfield *mel*

Recessional of Confirmants followed by their families

Receiving line in Temple Hall

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CONFIRMATION CLASS

1958

ELAINE MICHELLE BERMANMr. and Mrs. Harry Berman
5525 W. Congress Pkwy — Reception from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

JUDITH ANN BLUMENFIELDMr. David Blumenfield
1618 S. 55th Ct., Cicero, Illinois — No Reception

STUART MARC GOODEMrs. Myrtle Goode
Old Prague, 5928 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero, Ill.
Reception from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

LEONARD ALAN LEVYMr. and Mrs. Elmer Levy
3549 W. 79th Place — Reception from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

JANET MARILYN LORYMr. and Mrs. Charles Lory
9750 S. Oglesby — No Reception

ALICE MAZEMr. and Mrs. Louis Maze
4528 W. Jackson Blvd. — No Reception

LOUISE LINDA RIBERMrs. Eveyln Stattin
7046 W. 29th St., Berwyn, Illinois — No Reception

KAREN LYNN SCHWARZKOPFMr. and Mrs. Raymond
Schwarzkopf

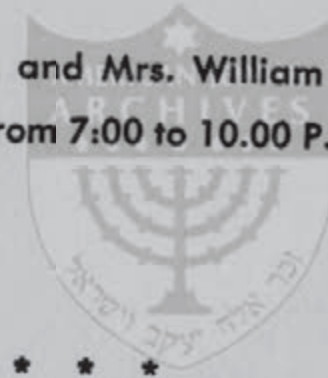
Old Prague, 5928 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero, Ill.
Reception from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

ROBERT MICHAEL SOMMERMr. and Mrs. Robert Sommer
House of Hughes, 5001 W. 79th Street
Reception from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

JUDITH ANN VOGELMr. and Mrs. William Vogel
6360 Ionia Ave. — Reception from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.



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CHOIR

Raymond Friedlander, Organist-Director

Hasmick Nazarian
Lorraine Quinn

J. Vincent Ellinwood
Richard Schreiber

no live in house

You are cordially invited to attend:

- Confirmation Service
- Shavuot 5718
- Congregation B'nai Jehoshua
- 1920 S. Ashland Avenue
- Chicago, Illinois

May 25, 1958, 10:30 A.M.
Milton Matz, Rabbi

For Rabbi Sulver:-

To smoothly dovetail the music of the Confirmation Service with the other parts of the Service, it is necessary that the organist know exactly what is going on down stairs. This means that someone has to be in the choir gallery, look through the screen and signal as required. The following are the key points where signals are required.

- 1 The march of the Class in. Progress of the march is usually not important, but when the Class are all in their places, a sign is given by dropping the hand. As the last few children come down the aisle the hand is raised, then dropped sharply to signify that the march is completed, and the Class is ready for the following Hymn
2. The march during the Flower Hymn. Again raise the hand as the final children march down, and drop it sharply when they are all in their seats again.
3. After the 'Amen' at the close of the Flower Prayer, those who read the Torah march up, and again a signal is given when they are all on the Platform - drop hand.
4. At the close of the Torah reading it is necessary to dress the Torah. Watch this and signal when it is completely - drop hand
5. At the actual Confirmation, watch the class carefully so that the Instrumental music can be co-ordinated. As the last few boys are left, hold up 3, 4- or 5 fingers to show how many are left, then drop hand to show that the boys are all done, and the girls are now coming up. Then as the girls near the last ones, again hold up fingers to show how many are left, and drop hand to show all done. This enables the organist to avoid cutting instrumental music at other than a stopping point, and makes a smooth ending possible

Other signals

First finger of one hand crossed on the first finger of the other hand means "half way down the aisle", "half of the class in place" etc. Not often needed.

This "eye" is needed at rehearsals so we can get used to the job and each other. Whoever is going to do this job certainly should be present Saturday morning, and also Wednesday and Thursday, if at all possible.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, Creator and Fashioner of the destinies of mankind, Great, Holy and Revered God, we turn to Thee in this solemn hour to express our gratitude for the privilege of this blessed day when we confirm our faith in Thee and Thy Holy Law.

As we approach this sacred moment of consecration, our hearts turn to Thee for strength and religion. We have learned about the history and the life of our people Israel through the centuries. We are conscious of the duties and obligations which we are to assume. Now, we pray that Thy light and Thy truth may illumine our paths. Strengthen us in our desire to know Thee, and cause our hearts to beat in perfect unison with Thee.

May the remembrance of this hour be ever present with us. May this Confirmation ceremony deepen our resolves to live worthy lives in keeping with the exalted ideals of our faith and our people. And may we grow in mind and in heart to be worthy of our rich heritage. Fashion our lives, O God, that we may find favor in Thine eyes, and in the eyes of all mankind.

Amen.

FLOWER OFFERING

In olden days our forefathers brought the early harvest of their fields to the Temple as a token of their gratitude to God. Even so, do we, their descendants, now bring these fragrant flowers to this house of God. As reverently we strew the altar with these flowers, we feel that they are but symbols of the higher offering we would bring; the offering of our grateful hearts. Eagerly have we waited for this day upon which we might offer the first fruits of our lives; and dedicate ourselves to the God of Israel and to His service.

And now that the hour has arrived, we come to this Temple to ask for divine help and love. We bring with us these flowers - visible signs of the flowers that bloom in the heart - the fair blossoms of affection, of kindness, and of truthfulness. As the flowers of the field bring joy to many a heart, so may our deeds bring hope, comfort, and light. May we always strew the flowers of love, of gentle care, and of thoughtfulness in the way of all our dear ones and of all men whom we shall meet on life's great pilgrimage.

Accept these, our offerings, Heavenly Father; our prayers, our hopes, and our deepest love go with them.

(Choir sings Amen.)

PRAYER BEFORE TAKING OUT THE SCROLLS

Sovereign of the Universe: At this hour, our hearts are filled with sacred memories of that great event in our history when Israel assembled at the foot of Sinai to receive Thy law, and to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. In letters of fire didst Thou inscribe Thine eternal truth upon the hearts and minds of our people. The highest religious truths were revealed unto our fathers. Thus, Israel became the covenant people, a light to the nations, charged to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out the prisoner from the dungeon, and to proclaim liberty to all the earth.

As in the past, O God, Thou didst reveal Thyself to our fathers, and didst endow them with strength to proclaim Thy law of truth unto all nations; even so, mayest Thou enlighten and strengthen us that we, too, may speed the day when all the children of men will worship Thee, in the spirit of brotherhood, love and truth, and will acknowledge Thee as their God and their King.

EXALTATION OF THE SCROLLS

The Lord, the Lord God, is merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and ever true; keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin.

(Choir) - Adonoi, Adonoi

TAKE SCROLLS FROM ARK:

This is the Torah which God gave through Moses. It is the heritage of the House of Israel. Come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord, saying:

Sh'ma Yisroel Adonoi Elohemu Adonoi Echod.

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

(Choir) Sh'ma . . .

(Class) Sh'ma . . .

(Choir) Ischo Adonoi



BLESSINGS AND COMMANDMENTS

JAY LAZAR
1-4

Leader: Bor-chu es Adonoi hamvoroch

Praise ye, the Lord, to Whom all praise is due.

Class: Boruch Adonoi hamvoroch l'o-lom voed.

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

Leader: Boruch atto Adonoi Elohemu melech ho-o-lom, asher bocher bonu mikkol ho-am-mim, v'no-san lonu es toroso. Boruch atto Adonoi nosan hat-to-ro.

Class: Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world Who has chosen us from among all peoples and hast given us Thy law. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Giver of the Law.

TEN COMMANDMENTS IN HEBREW

WRHS



Leader: Boruch atto Adonoi Elohemu, melech ho-o-lom, asher no-san lonu toras em-es v'chaye olom not - b'so-che-nu, Boruch atto Adonoi no-san hat-to-ro.

Class: Praised be Thou, Lord our God, Ruler of the world, Who hast given us a law of truth and hast implanted eternal life within us. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Giver of the Law.

Robert Irten
5-10

COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord Thy God, Who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
2. Thou shalt not have any other Gods before Me. Thou shalt not take unto thyself any graven image nor any manner of likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down unto them, nor serve them: for I, the Lord Thy God, am a zealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments.



COMMANDMENTS

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord Thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath unto the Lord, Thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work - thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it.



~~Harvey Herbert~~
Gloria Heller

COMMANDMENTS

5. Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not murder.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.



Marilyn Herson

HAFTARAH

Isaiah, Chapter 55 (Vv 6-13)

The Haftarah for today is taken from the 55th Chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

(Read from Bible on pulpit.)

(After reading the Haftarah)

O our God and Father, our Protector and Savior, we invoke Thy blessings on the House of Israel. Whatever be our position in the countries of the earth, may we reach there to Thy heritage. Bless Thy favor on this blessed land. Prosper our efforts to build up the Temple and its services, on land and on sea so that our people may be filled with Thy spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of Thee. May Thy blessing reach our fine institutions, that this land remain forever the home of liberty. May peace abide within its borders and righteousness among its inhabitants. Be Thou with us now and ever. Help Thou us in all our ways. Amen.



Charles Schaeffer

HAFTARAH

(Before reading the Haftarah)

Praised be the Lord our God, for the law of truth and righteousness revealed in Israel, for the words of the prophets filled with His spirit and for the teachings of the sages whom He raised up aforetime and in these days.

(After reading the Haftarah)

O our God and Father, our Protector and Savior, we invoke Thy blessings on the House of Israel. Whatever be our portion in the countries of the earth, may we remain true to our heritage. Bestow Thy favor on this blessed land. Prosper our nation in all its industries and its commerce, on land and on sea so that there may be no want nor scarcity anywhere. Grant that they whom the people have placed in authority may be filled with Thy spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of Thee. May Thy blessing rest upon our free institutions, that this land remain forever the home of liberty. May peace abide within its borders and righteousness among its inhabitants. Be Thou with us now and ever. Help Thou us in all our ways. Amen.

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Amen.



RETURNING THE SCROLLS

The Torah of God which was entrusted to the keeping of each generation of the children of Israel has been a light unto the world. Countless generations and many races and peoples have been influenced by its teachings and guided by its exalted principles.

The Bible is the product of the prophetic genius of the people of Israel. It represents Israel's major contribution to mankind. It is a book, not for one age only, but for eternity; not for one people only, but for the whole of mankind.

We, who are about to be confirmed, will become the carriers of the great tradition of this immortal book. The stream of its inspiration and influence must continue through us. We must therefore learn it and teach it, in order to fulfill the ancient charge: "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, and thou shalt meditate therein day and night."

(Pause)

Proudly we lift this Torah aloft - (pause) - symbol of our faith, our hope and our mission.

"O, House of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord."

(Choir sings "Etz Chayim".)



GOD

The belief in God is the fundamental doctrine of our religion. All other Jewish ideals draw their inspiration and strength from this central belief. The people of Israel is distinguished by the fact that it has always been a God-fearing and God-serving people.

What do we Jews believe about God? First and most important: we believe that God is One. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One."

Secondly, we believe that God is pure spirit. He cannot be represented in any material form which is known to man. God revealed Himself to Moses simply as: "I am that I am." This, Moses explained to the people in the words of the Second Commandment: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image nor any manner of likeness of anything in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." Since God is Spirit, He alone is Eternal while all material things crumble into dust, change or pass away.

Finally, we believe that God is good. His world is established in goodness. He desires man to find happiness in a life of goodness. God is perfect in all moral qualities, in wisdom, in justice and in mercy. He is the ideal of perfection toward which we must strive.

Murray Jackson

MAN

Man is the child of God. In his mind and in his spirit he partakes of the essence of the divine. "God created man in His image. In the image of God created He him."

Man is made up of body and spirit. In his physical attributes man is subject to the same processes of growth and decay, of pain, sickness, old age and death, to which all living things are subject. But God endowed man with mind and soul which place him at the very summit of creation. Thus, the Psalmist sings:

"When I behold Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast established; what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou thinkest of him?"

"Yet Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands. Thou hast put all things under his feet."

God endowed man with a moral sense to distinguish between right and wrong, and with free will to achieve the good and to overcome the evil. By dint of will and effort, man can rise to ever higher levels of knowledge and goodness.

Linda Wood

ISRAEL

Israel is God's priest-people. It was the first people on earth to recognize the existence of the one-spiritual God, the Creator of the Universe, and the Source, not only of physical, but also of moral law.

Because of this vision, Israel has from the very beginning conceived of itself as standing in a peculiar relationship to God - of being the spokesman and champion of ethical monotheism in the world.

Israel does not regard itself as having been chosen by God for special favors and privileges. The task of religious leadership in the world is not one which confers favors, but rather, duties and responsibilities - even hardships and sacrifices. Israel's historic mission to preach the word of God, to be the prophetic voice calling men and nations to justice, peace and brotherhood, has frequently brought down upon it persecution and suffering. But faithfully did our ancestors, through the centuries, fulfill the charge which was given unto them at the foot of Mt. Sinai: "Ye shall be unto Me a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation."

John Seidman

ONE WORLD

One of the noblest ideals of Judaism is the oneness of mankind. God is the Father of all men. All men are brothers. This theme echoes over and over again through the inspired books of our prophets and the teachings of sages and rabbis. Many, many centuries ago our spiritual leaders called upon warring nations to lay down their arms, to beat their swords into ploughshares and to learn to live together in peace under the reign of God's universal law of justice.

Unfortunately, this great hope has not yet been realized. At the moment it seems to be as far removed from realization as at any time in human history. Our world is sadly divided and torn by suspicion, discord and hate. There is much talk about the possibility of a third world war. Hardly emerged from the frightful destructions and disasters of the last war, the nations of the world have begun to fashion even more deadly weapons in anticipation of a new war.

If our world is to be saved from the horrors of new and greater devastating strife, this generation must turn its mind away from thoughts of war and preparations for it, and apply it resolutely and fervently to discovering the ways of peace - the ways of reconciliation between nations and international action to maintain peace and avoid war.

One world embracing all nations, races and creeds, and regardless of their political and economic preferences, must be the ideal which should inspire us as citizens of this great country and as loyal followers of Judaism - the religion of peace and of the brotherhood of man.

Harry Friedman

THE SYNAGOGUE

The Synagogue is the noblest institution of Judaism and the most democratic achievement of our people.

It was founded during the first exile in Babylon. Because the Temple had been destroyed, and the exiles found themselves in a foreign land, far removed from the sacred city of Jerusalem, they met together in the various places of their captivity, in improvised places of worship, where they studied the sacred law, listened to the instruction of their teachers and prophets, and offered up their prayers to God. Thus, the Synagogue was founded.

When our ancestors returned from Babylon, they brought back with them to Judea the institution of the Synagogue. And even after they rebuilt the Temple on Mt. Zion, the Synagogues which they established in every community continued as their beloved places of prayer and study. After the second Temple was destroyed, and throughout the succeeding centuries, the Synagogue assumed the supreme place in Jewish religious life.

Today, wherever Jews dwell, even in the most distant parts of the earth, synagogues - humble or magnificent in style and architecture - are to be found. There the prayers of Israel are offered. There the voice of the Rabbi, preaching the word of God, is heard. There the children of our race are taught the faith and moral principles of Judaism. And there the great traditions of our people are conserved.

THE SCHOOL

Judaism is a religion based not upon superstition or ignorance, but upon knowledge and the intellectual quest of God and the good life. One of the first injunctions given to our people was: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and thou shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

Among all peoples, Israel was the first to establish a universal school system where all children, poor and rich alike, could receive training in right living, thinking and conduct. We have been called "The People of the Book".

In our day, secular education has become the province of the public school, the high school and the university. Religious and moral education still remain the province of the religious school.

Secular education is not enough. The goal of true education is intelligence plus character. We need not only knowledge, which is power, but wisdom, which is control. We need not only truth, which is light, but goodness, which is warmth. We need faith and high ideals, integrity and self-restraint. It is in the religious school where these great virtues of life can be inculcated.

Ignace Weiss

THE HOME

Nowhere is the beauty and nobility of Judaism so much in evidence as in the Jewish home. The home has been for our people from time immemorial a "Mikdash me-at" - a small sanctuary.

The Jewish ideal of family life was one of purity and reverence. The role of the father in the home was that of a priest officiating at the high altars of God. He was teacher, counselor, and guide.

The mother imparted the profoundest truths of life and conduct to the children. The Bible often speaks of "the Torah of our mothers" - the law of the living God which comes from the lips of a mother.

The child within the home was early taught the responsibilities of family and group life, and was trained into a life-long discipline of clean living, goodness and charity.

We are conscious that Jewish life cannot be preserved unless the Jewish home retains its traditional character of dignity, piety and purity. Many of the religious practices of our people centered in the home. Many of the colorful ceremonies clustering around Sabbath and holiday were enacted there. An atmosphere of the beauty of holiness pervaded the Jewish home.

It will be one of our tasks, as Jews, to preserve the standards and spiritual character of the Jewish home.

Steven S. Shuman

THE STATE OF ISRAEL

On May 14, 1948 the establishment of the State of Israel was proclaimed by the Jewish people of Palestine. In so doing, they fulfilled a resolution of fifty-four nations which the previous November had recognized the right of the Jewish people to re-establish an independent, national homeland in Palestine. On May 11, 1949, the State of Israel was admitted as a member of the United Nations.

Israel's short history has been one of tremendous accomplishment. Over one million displaced and homeless Jews have found peace and the security of a new life in Israel. Parched desert has been turned into fertile farms. Pestilential swamps have been drained and have become flowering orchards. The rocky hills have been terraced and changed into flowering vineyards. A prosperous industrial economy has been created in a land which only a few years ago knew nothing of the modern age. Great universities, modern hospitals and fine cultural institutions have added depth and dimension to this new life. A thriving bastion of democracy has grown up and come of age.

All this was accomplished only through the service and sacrifice of the Jewish people. Dauntless and determined men of vision took each obstacle in stride and met each problem successfully. Devoted and generous men of good will the world over lent the pioneers financial and political support.

Much has been accomplished. Much remains to be done. There is still a pervading uncertainty in Israel's future. But the vision and wisdom of Israel's first decade augurs well of her survival and for her ability to grow in freedom and strength. Israel's people are determined to establish a happy and prosperous nation in the finest tradition of our faith -- with God's help they will succeed.

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THE UNITED NATIONS

Profiting from the lessons of the Second World War and of the events which led up to it, the nations of the world met in 1945 in San Francisco and established the United Nations. The purpose of this organization, which succeeded the League of Nations, is stated in the preamble of its charter.

"We, the peoples of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war..., to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, to establish conditions under which justice can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.

"The members of the United Nations pledge themselves to maintain international peace and to take effective measures for the prevention of threats to the peace, and to develop free relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights."

The United Nations was born in hope. Unfortunately rivalry among its most powerful members has often made it impossible for the United Nations to act effectively. On many an important occasion the great powers have chosen to bypass the authority of the United Nations. All too often it has been used as a propaganda sounding platform rather than as an organization dedicated to the establishment through diplomacy and arbitration of world peace.

The authority of the United Nations must be quickly established by the great powers, else there will be the danger that the United Nations will go the way of the League of Nations, and the world will again drift helplessly into another world war more destructive than any which preceded it. We pray that this will never happen.

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Reuben Fishman

DEMOCRACY

In the democratic principles upon which the United States was founded, the teachings of Judaism attain ideal expression. God's will and law, as embodied in the Hebrew Scriptures, were the basis for American self-government. The spirit of the Jewish Bible became America's spirit, and its love of freedom and human equality became America's ideal.

In the establishment of the principles of civil liberty, Israel was the pioneer of the world, ante-dating the Magna Charta and the Bill of Rights by 3,000 years; for the advent of justice and equality on this earth have been the goal of the Jewish people since the day they assembled at Mt. Sinai.

In these difficult days of world readjustment, our people dare not be complacent when democracy is assailed by enemies from within and from without. We must speak and act with the conviction and the sense of spiritual power of our prophets, rabbis and martyrs in every generation.

Through the democratic teachings of Judaism, the world can learn that government of men is based not on the will of the strong, but on the spiritual equality of all, and that freedom cannot permanently be the possession of any one man or group or nation unless it becomes the possession of all. Therefore, let us work and continue to pray as we have done for centuries, "That the time may not be distant when all men shall recognize that they are brethren so that one in spirit and one in fellowship, they may be forever united before God."

AMERICA

God built Him a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold;
He carpeted it with soft-rolling prairies and columned it with thundering
mountains;

He studded it with sweet-flowing fountains and traced it with long-winding
streams;

He planted it with deep-shadowed forests, and filled them with song.

Then He called unto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them.

They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope.

The glow of adventure was in their eyes, and in their hearts the glory of
hope.

And out of the bounty of earth and the labor of men,
Out of the longing of hearts and the prayer of souls,
Out of the memory of ages and hopes of the world,

God fashioned a nation in love, blessed it with a purpose sublime -

And called it AMERICA!

PRAYER FOR THE HOUSEHOLD OF ISRAEL

O Lord our God, we turn to Thee in hope, as did our fathers. May Thy mercy descend upon our people in all their habitations. Extend Thy protection and help unto our brothers who struggle in lands of darkness as victims of oppression and persecution. Fill the hearts of all men with a love of freedom and justice, that tyranny may vanish and the reign of righteousness be established everywhere on earth. Uphold also the hands of our brothers who toil to rebuild Zion. In their pilgrimage among the nations, Thy people have always turned in love to the land where Israel was born, where our prophets taught their imperishable message of justice and brotherhood, and where our psalmists sang their deathless songs of love for Thee and of Thy love for us and all humanity. Ever enshrined in the hearts of Israel was the hope that Zion might be restored, not for their own pride or vainglory, but as a living witness to the truth of Thy word which shall lead the nations to the reign of peace. Grant us strength that with Thy help we may bring a new light to shine upon Zion. Imbue us who live in lands of freedom with a sense of Israel's spiritual unity that we may share joyously in the work of redemption.

Ellen Harris

CLOSING PRAYER

The solemn exercises draw to a close. The hour of Confirmation is about to end. Our souls have vibrated to the message of this holy day.

Father of Mercy! Thou hast guided us through the days of our childhood and hast brought us to this hour. Be with us also in all the coming years.

Be Thou our guiding star, a light unto our wandering feet. In all our falterings and our doubts, in our weaknesses and sorrows, in our gropings and strivings, be Thou our strength, our fortress and our refuge.

Bless Thou our country. May it forever remain the home of freedom, peace and righteousness.

Bless Thy people Israel. May it continue to be a light unto the world, a blessing unto the nations.

Bless this congregation, our Temple, its officers, members and friends, with the love of service and the zeal of faith.

Bless Thou our dear parents with long life and happiness. We shall never be able to repay them even in a small measure, the unbounded love which they have bestowed upon us. May our lives reward them. May they find joy in us, in our future work and careers, and in the knowledge that we have proved worthy of their devotion and sacrifice. Amen.

(Choir sings Amen.)

Let us, members of this class, rise together (pause while class rises) and in the presence of God and the Congregation of Israel, pronounce our Declaration of Faith.