

# From the Desk of Rabbi Gold



Many Rabbis across the country have been reprinting in their bulletins an article written by Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit. It is an amusing column. May I share it with you.

"Perry Mason and Dr. Ben Casey, the TV lawyer and surgeon respectively, give me a bad case of frustration plus an inferiority complex. They are always heroes. They never lose a case or a patient. Like them, I too belong to a noble profession, yet for whatever reason (probably lack of courage) no producer or sponsor has thought of a TV series in which a rabbi stars and is always infallible. But just in case some valorous soul would like to assemble such a series, here are some notes:

This rabbi hero will, of course, never preach a sermon that is less than superb and brilliant.

He will never offend a member by apparent and unintentional neglect or slight.

He will never fail to visit a sick person in the hospital, although no one in the family took the trouble to inform

him of their relative's illness. (The producer of the TV series will provide him with a magical crystal ball.)

This rabbi will never be out when one of his parishioners calls - without appointment, of course -- either at his study or his home.

He will never miss a reception, be absent from any dinner or social function in which any congregation member is involved.

He will intuitively know the birthday, wedding anniversary, yartzeit, and every simcha or tzarah of every person in the congregation.

He will never be late or forget an appointment with a congregant even though a congregant may at times be late or forgetful and keep the rabbi waiting. After all, whose time is more valuable? Who is serving who?

He will remember the name of every member of every family in the congregation, even though he does not see them from one Yom Kipper to the next Rosh Hashonah (and though even then he does not see them except en masse).

He will never preach on

any controversial issue or intimate that some people in his congregation are not living up to the highest Jewish ideals of conduct.

Of course, every sensible person (and especially every good doctor and lawyer) knows that there never was or will be a doctor like Ben Casey or a lawyer like Perry Mason. Like doctors and lawyers (and other human beings) rabbis too are imperfect.

Until the perfect rabbi is produced, congregants will unfortunately have to put up with rabbis -

- who don't know everybody's name,
- who occasionally preach less than flawless sermons,
- who miss a number of receptions and parties,
- who are not infallible gods but mere human beings,
- who sometimes with more zeal than affability espouse an unpopular cause and condemn unJewish and amoral practices.

Because my colleagues and I belong to an imperfect profession, we continually pray for God's guidance and hope for our congregation's forgiveness and mercy."

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## SERIOUS BUSINESS ON HAND



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BEN MARCUS, LEFT, AND SCOTTY FERER MADE SURE THE PLAYERS WERE CHOSEN FAIR AND SQUARE



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guests seeking entrance. Scotty Ferer, chairman of the Ticket Committee, accomplished his usual fan- (Continued on Page 8)

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courses throughout the evening and on into the wee hours when the results were determined.

Sid Peilte, Harry Herzog, Marty Honig, Gene Osheroff and Paul Eisenberg were responsible for handling tickets at the door. Their job was outstanding. There was never any confusion or congregant of impatient

## "I DECLARE" by Claire Dase



Hear that Leonard Sperling will file for City Commissioner. He's an enthusiastic young man, with much on the ball.

When Rabbi Gold spoke at a luncheon for the Clergymen at the Nellis Air base, his topic was "Roll of Clergymen in the Community."

The National Commander of the Jewish War Vets, took the pulpit last Friday night, and delivered an interesting and most stinging message to a large congregation with many ex-servicemen and auxiliary in attendance.

Hear that Sol Sapero is celebrating his birthday March 21st, Happy Birthday. Many years of joy and nachus to Tilly Lutter and her spouse on their 40th wedding anniversary. Many, many happy returns.

How little does one know of the workings of the Lord? Only last week I was celebrating with my adopted family the wedding of Madilyn and Lester, and jesting with "Pop" Louis Serota about the many years of joy we all were looking forward to. This past Friday we laid him to rest, knowing that a truly

a great man, a true Jew, and a gentleman was gone from us for ever. His love for his fellowmen, for music, and everyone regardless of the creed, will never be forgotten. He left behind an example that his family and his friends will always endeavour to live by. May God grant his hand of peace be over "Momala" Sylvia, over Aydl, Jerry, and all of us that knew and loved him.

B'nai B'rith elected officers for the forthcoming year, with Toby Artman as president. Good luck wishes to him and to all in office for this term.

Through an error one word was left out in a passage in this column last week. The word was "Family," but oh what a difference. Bet the Rabbi never knew what hit when people volunteered to enlist in the new courses, which read "Premarital relations".....the ribbing was great, but the effect was good for yours truly, because it proves that T. G. someone is reading the column, and it gave another plug for what is going to be a wonderful new course given by our own Rabbi and others. Register if you have not done so before. It is for those going steady, those engaged, and the newly wedded couples. Anything

The Social Club of Temple Beth Shalom, is having a night on the town the early part of April. It will be a Square Dance night, held in the social hall, with a professional caller, a singsong, a full meal, and all the trimmings. For a mere \$2.00 per member, and \$3.00 for all may attend. For any information call any of the board of this energetic group.

Don't forget the tickets for the Senior Citizens obtainable from Eileen Brookman or maysef at 25¢ each. All this helps their projects.

Need Donor? Get tickets from Lee Jackman, and make the luncheon at the Gourmet room April 8th.

Rabbi Gold has been asked to speak to various Christian groups recently in addition to several T.V. programs sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He has addressed this student body of Las Vegas High School. The young people were so moved by the Jewish concept of Brotherhood that a group of them followed Rabbi Gold's address with a visit to the Temple.

For the first time in the history of our community a Catholic group came to the Temple to hear a lecture by Rabbi Gold on Judaism. This group consisted of the senior class of Bishop Gorman High School, accompanied by two sisters, two priests and the head of the school. One of the highlights of the meeting was a priest assisting Rabbi Gold in taking the Torah Scroll out of the ark. Rabbi Gold read from the Torah, and each student came up to the pulpit to see the Torah Scroll with their own eyes.

Last week Rabbi Gold spoke to the Catholic and Protestant clergy on "Judaism the Faith of Israel" at a Dialogue session of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. (The letter received from Bishop Gorman High School is self explanatory).

Dear Rabbi Gold, Please accept our sincere gratitude for the most instructive hour you provided for us. All of the students have expressed their appreciation of this unusual privilege. Some have asked if they would be permitted to attend a service on the Sabbath so I shall probably be consulting you about this. Gratefully yours, Sister M. Philippa

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