

## From the Desk of Rabbi Gold



A Jew is one who is born (or admitted through conversion) into the Covenant of Abraham.

A Jew according to our laws and traditions must in addition identify himself with his people, his Synagogue and the principles of faith that Judaism teaches. These are the basic requirements expected of a loyal Jew:

- 1) Affiliation with a Synagogue and attendance of religious services.
- 2) Support of the United Jewish Appeal and other Israeli and local charities to

the best of ones ability.

3) The observance of the Sabbath, Holidays and Festivals to the best of ones ability.

4) Participation in Adult Education Classes to further ones understanding of Judaism and life.

5) Living up to the ethical standards taught by Judaism in social or business relationships with family, neighbors, friends and associates, Jew or non-Jew alike.

6) Accepting civic responsibility in order to enhance the life of the community in

which one lives.

The Jew who does not accept each of the above six principles of Jewish teaching, especially item one which exposes him to the teaching of all the others, is not fulfilling himself as a Jew. The Jew who says, "I am a Jew at heart. I don't need organized religion", is removing himself spiritually as a citizen of the Jewish people.

A colleague, Rabbi Opher wrote the following

"quote"....  
A JEW AT HEART

"I am a Jew and proud to let men know it, How do I show it? I can tell you at the start...

correction

tell you at the start... Why no! I do not go to the synagogue service

The sermons make me nervous.

Besides, my home is just as good a place to pray, So why should I pay?

I don't believe in commercialized salvation, So I don't belong to any congregation.

O no! We do not kindle Chanukkah or Sabbath light Our children don't enjoy the sight;

We don't observe holy days or dietary laws Nor post mezuzos on our doors, because

The children say that's an-

tiquated stuff.

It is enough.

We have a Christmas tree. You see...

We like the presents and the carols and the mirth and the 'Peace on Earth' Such like no Jewish religious festivals provide.

But believe me, we are Jews with pride.

Why, no! What for religious education?

The kids could learn to repeat the Kaddish recitation

Without the study of Hebrew or Jewish history Or the superstitions or religious mystery.

Why teach them to feel different and set apart

Let them grow up as Jews at heart.

I don't belong to any Jewish club or organization;

I haven't got the time nor inclination.

I don't subscribe to Jewish periodicals or books.

The less I read of that stuff the brighter the world looks.

I rarely make a contribution T a philanthropic institution. Charity begins at home, I feel I pay no heed to any lacrimose appeal

For Israel or Europe's Jews or of the earth's far corners.

I am an American, why bother about foreigners? As I told you from the start.. I am a Jew at heart."

We have many wonderful,

## "I DECLARE" by Claire Dase



Who says women are sentimental about dogs? Should have heard Dave Bliss raze about his six month pup, "Husky", and Al Goot tell of his poodle's tooth extraction.

It's good to see such soft hearts under those mannish exteriors. Even greater to see another guy, Joe Herschberg, come in to inquire after Al's dog's operation.

loyal and devoted Jews in Las Vegas. But to the others I say "Please, have a heart, and become a better Jew... now...before its too late".

Prayerfully  
Rabbi Aaron Gold

Friend Evelyn Goot off to Honolulu for a spree, and husband Max off to Japan. They'll catch up with each other in between. Hope they aave wonderful trips.

Any member of B'nai Brith who has blue gift stars, and wishes to help the group, can contact Helen Myers. She is collecting them for the gang.

### TELL TALES

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We're reaching our space limit, so we'll end on a personal note. The Tell family has narrowed the 3,000 miles separating us to 300. Don, our oldest son, switched jobs from editor of a national magazine in N.J. to editor of another in L.A. He brought his lovely wife Rita and our darling granddaughter Bonnie out west for good. They'll join our middle son, Jay, who is attending college and operating a coin investment business. So they will be only hours away from a visit by car to Bea and us, and of course our youngest son, Mike, who was given a rousing send-off on leaving his 4-year job with the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. He now spends full time producing shows at the Convention Center. Incidentally, his last presentation of James Brown, was a tremendous success. Just when I need him to help us with the Israelite.

Stay well, stay happy, but don't stay away too long.

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