

A Good Man

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

There's the refrain of an old jazz song which went: "You can search the whole world over and never find a good man like me."

You can search the world over and you won't find a better man than Leonard Simons, of Detroit, Michigan.

A crackerjack advertising man, who's been lavishly kudosed by his associates, Mr. Simons is one of those men who is not satisfied if he is not doing good.

And the good he has been doing in Detroit is known to everyone in that metropolis. He has been honored by Catholics, Protestants and by every Jewish Organization you ever heard of. The honors have come because of his indefatigable work on behalf of the groups: fraternal, religious, welfare and educational. This paper could be filled up with the leadership roles he has occupied in virtually every worthwhile endeavor in Detroit, in the U.S., in Israel.

If there is one aim which especially exhilarates this man of all causes it has to do with books. Mr. Simons is in love with books. He collects them. He buys them. He gives them away. And he underwrites the purchase of oodles of them by one of his loves, Temple Beth El.

Mr. Simons is currently observing his 70th birthday. Others get gifts; he is giving out a gift on his milestone. It's a paperweight with this legend: "Creed for Happiness. Zug dem Emmes. Gib Tzedakah, Hab Rachmones. Zei a Mensch." Translation: tell the truth, give charity, show compassion, be a fine human being.

I wish I had the time to expatiate on another Simons specialty: giving talks. His addresses are a lively and lovely mix of the light and the serious. He will soften up his audience with some quips and then deliver a powerful message. Recently in one of his talks he told about the surgeon who has a \$500 operation and a \$1,000 one; in the latter he uses both hands.

And in that same talk he lifted the audience by citing the Talmudic reference to the effect that when we honor the righteous we honor ourselves. It's a joy to salute a truly righteous and delightful walking saint: Leonard Simons, of Detroit.



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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The World Zionist Executive has appointed a four-man committee to negotiate with the leaders of the Reform Movement on its affiliation to the WZO.

JOHANNESBURG (WNS) -- Jim Fouche, South Africa's State President, compared the courage of the pioneer British settlers who came to South Africa in 1820 to that of the Israeli people.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Jewish Congress after studying propriety nursing homes with a heavy concentration of Jewish patients has criticized the institutions in the New York metropolitan area as places "where concern is absent, care is inadequate and dignity disregarded."

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