

A Fine Project

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Few people are sweeter than Sam Brown. Of course, you know a number of people by that name.

The Sam Brown I'm referring to was once the executive for the American Jewish Congress New Jersey.

Inspired by the late, great Stephen Wise, Mr. Brown has remained attached to American Jewry.

In the last few years, Mr. Brown has acquired a most fascinating avocation.

He leads groups through New York and serves as a guide to sites of Jewish interest.

Women's groups, young people, members of all organizations are intrigued by the tours which this living Baedeker conducts.

Now, Mr. Brown has let a worry activate him into another endeavor.

The worry is that all those picturesque Jewish areas in downtown New York are fading away.

He feels that these area, which were the matrix of so much of Jewish life, ought to be preserved.

He pleads for some measures to rehabilitate some of these sites, where thousands of Jews once lived.

So Mr. Brown is asking for funds from people who are interested in his project.

Harry Golden, who did so much to publicize the East Side, has joined Mr. Brown's campaign. "I heartily endorse you project," he exclaimed.

If you want to offer Mr. Brown some advice or some assistance, write him at 281 Avenue C., New York City, 10009.

Calling all Converts

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Are you a convert to Judaism?

Do you know a convert?

If so, such a person might do well to write to a remarkable young woman who is herself a convert and is going to write a book on the subject of conversion.

She is Mrs. David Falconer, a talented phraseologist, who has been giving a lot of thought to the matter of becoming Jewish.

If you yourself have turned Jewish you might eventually get into Mrs. Falconer's book. Or if you want to stay out of it, you can at least lend Mrs. Falconer your ideas of the subject. Mrs. Falconer has an intriguing questionnaire for converts to fill out.

More and more people are turning Jewish these days. The chief motive, of course, is matrimony.

But there are those who are embracing the faith even without embracing a Jewish partner.

Why is this happening? What are the various ways in which people convert? How are converts treated when they do make the shift? These are some of the rubrics Mrs. Falconer is examining in the book.

Even if you are not a convert but have some ideas of the subject, Mrs. Falconer will be glad to hear from you. She is at 11 Caro Street, Red Bank, N.J. 07701, or you can write to her in care of her rabbi, Alton Winters, 332 Hance Avenue, New Shrewsbury, New Jersey, 07724.

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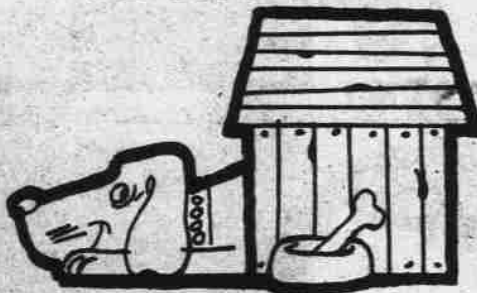
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