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The truth in the mediaeval
conception of life is this: that
life is noblest when it is absorbed
in some noble and worthy aim.
Without a cause a man is com-
mon. He becomes heroic and di-
vine only when some high en-
thusiasm possesses him, sweeps
him out of the common herd—
separates him as a soul lifted
above common wants and pleas-
ures and consecrated to burning
ideal.—Rabbi Abraham D. Price,
Baltimore, Md.

Eternal life is a development.
We grow in knowledge and our
powers become enlarged. The
child develops into full man-
hood. With every revolving year
of eternity our manhood contin-
ues to grow and all childish
things are past.

Old age often brings feeble-
ness, owing to the limitations un-
der which we live, but in the
Eternal City of God we will meet
free from these limitations. Eter-
nal life—true to its nature con-
tinues to advance in knowledge,
in its powers and in its blessed-
ness.—Rabbi Abraham D. Price,
Baltimore, Md.

The beauty of holiness is the
beauty of purity. Sin is filthi-
ness. Sin is deformity. It de-
forms the body. Sin has made
many human forms and forces
hideous. Sin mars the soul. Mul-
titudes of great men have been
marred by sin. Some of our fav-
orite poets, artists and patriotic
heroes have been tarnished by
sin. They possessed more genius
and mental beauty, but in spirit
they were wicked.

We dislike to think about it.
They sang sweetly, painted won-
derfully, sacrificed grandly, but

they were lepers. Sin is vile—
no matter whom it touches.—
Rabbi Abraham D. Price, Balti-
more, Md.

PRIDE OF ANCESTRY NO HOPE FOR POSTERITY.

Genealogists are reaping a
large harvest from men and wo-
men whose credulity is more an-
noying than their attempt to ar-
rogate themselves above the so-
called common rabble. Men who
through genius and other circum-
stances become possessors of vast
fortunes are seized with a desire
to climb their family tree and if
possible to pluck a nobleman or
two from its boughs. This in it-
self may be a commendable thing
but it has its serious aspect. A
phase of life fraught with many
dangers. It is not what our an-
cestors were. The world moves
too fast—too many events have
transpired since then and they
belong to the forgotten past. The
world is solely concerned with
their descendants. The mass of
people eager to ape their ways
have likewise given themselves
up to this worship and a char-
acter of snobbishness and sup-
planted the unaffectedness of our
race. All this has led to a vulgar
display, each vying with the oth-
er. And the American home is
being confronted with the grow-
ing national problem the dearth
of posterity. Our genealogists
have failed miserably for if some
of our wealthy citizens can trace
their ancestry back to the feudal
lords they have evidently for-
gotten that we all have a com-
mon ancestry, the aborigines,
and if our impulses are not
quickened there is a possibility
that we will revert back to that
type.—Rabbi Abraham D. Price,
Baltimore, Md.

DEAD SEA FRUIT.

Many men through superficial
training and as a consequence a
similar judgment have fallen in-
to the sad error of loud asserva-
tion and bitter denunciation of
the existing order of things, and
logically their lives are but a re-
flection of their minds.

Doubt has given way to dis-
trust, and to them life in the ag-
gregate is a hopeless proposition.
Religion to them is not the poetic

expression of the soul, but a re-
lic of barbarism, and their con-
tinual cry is non plus ultra. In
many instances their denuncia-
tion that the world is hopelessly
wicked is an attempt to justify
their own evil tendencies in other
cases through their lack of faith
they fail to see any utility in life.
And as a result an erstwhile vir-
tuous mortal gives himself up to
a complete abandon. But noth-
ing can ever extinguish the spark
of divinity that is implanted
within us and with the gathering
of the mist of years comes the
full realization that we have
wasted our lives and cowardly
shunned the duty that was allot-
ted to us in the struggle for ex-
istence. When they turn back
through the flood of tears and
realize though imperfect we are
striving for a definite goal, and
that the ways of the Father are
inscrutable, it is then, at the clos-
ing scene of their lives, that the
lips utter what they have denied
and then the phantoms of their
folly rise before them, and with
bitter self-reproach they go down
into eternity to await their judg-
ment there. They had eaten of
Dead Sea Fruit, and its taste was
bitterer than gall and worm-
wood.—Rabbi Abram D. Price,
Baltimore, Md.

IDEAL WIFE PRACTICAL.

*Rabbi Harrison Advises Hus-
bands to Consult Them on
Business Matters.*

"The Ideal Wife" was the sub-
ject of Rabbi Leon Harrison's
sermon Sunday morning at the
Temple Israel. In substance
advised husbands to more often
consult their wives in matters of
business, especially where a ven-
ture is to be one of importance.
In part, he said:

"The true wife's distinguish-
ing note is not amiable happi-
ness, but resourcefulness, practi-
cal judgment. She buys shrewd-
ly, and sells, too. She undoubt-
edly has her own money and she
knows how to invest it sensibly.
Her husband does not exclaim,
'My dear, what do you know
about business? You must leave
that to me.' But he must ac-
knowledge reluctantly or proud-
ly, 'Well, wife, although a wo-
man, you really have some prac-
tical business sense.'

"She is not careless of her
beauty because of her service.
She does not think any dress is
too good for her husband, as it
was too poor for her sweetheart.
She wears her best and looks her
best and knows how to retain
love as well as to win it. 'Didn't
I adorn myself for my sweet-
heart?' she thinks. 'Shall he not
be as proud of his wife as of his
sweetheart?'"

"There are two distinguishing
traits that stand out in an ideal
wife—practicability and affec-
tion."—St. Louis Star.

DEBATING EXERCISES.

*Jewish Literary Society's Dis-
cussions on Bible Themes.*

The Jewish Literary Society
is busying itself with debating
exercises during the past few
weeks, and some interesting and
novel discussions have been had.
Next Wednesday night there will
be one of these debates, the ques-
tion for this debate being: "Re-
solved, That Joshua was a great-
er warrior than David."

The questions for debate are
limited to Biblical questions, to
subjects relating to Hebrew his-
tory and religion, the idea being
to develop the members in the
knowledge of Israel's history and
religion. The questions already
debated are: Resolved, That
Moses was justified in killing the
Egyptian; Resolved, That the cir-
cumstances justified Jacob in
buying the birthright of Esau;
Resolved, That it was necessary
to exterminate the original in-
habitants of Canaan; Resolved,
That Moses was excused under
the circumstances for breaking
the tables; Resolved, That Solo-
mon was wiser than Moses; Re-
solved, That Abraham should be
praised for offering Isaac as a
sacrifice.

The debaters for next Wednes-
day night are: Affirmative—J.
Tiras, captain; Miss Celia Co-
hen, Max Westheimer, Joe Wein-
garten, Henry Nussbaum. Neg-
ative—Archie Cohen, captain;
Miss Maude Deutchner, Miss
Gertrude Levy, Joe Finger, Sam
Maas.

On account of moving into new
quarters the Herald is delayed
in coming out this week, but will
be on time in the future.