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EDITORIAL.

Here shall the Press the Jewish rights maintain,  
Unaw'd by influence, and unbribed by gain;  
Here patriot Truth her glorious precepts draw,  
Pledged to Religion, Liberty and Law.

Calendar for Week ending  
Thursday, October 3rd, 1918.

Day of Week	Hebrew Date.	Civil Date	Sedra.	Hap Torah.
Fri.	Tishri 21	Sept. 27		
Sat.	22	28	Deut.	
Sun.	23	29	xiv.	
Mon.	24	30	22.	
		Oct.		
Tues.	25	1		
Wed.	26	2		
Thurs.	27	3		

Shabbos & Yomtov commence at 5.30 p.m.

To-day is *Hoshana Rabba*, to-morrow the 8th Day Festival and Sunday *Simchos Torah*.

The "Chronicle" Cake.

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*News reaches us of the refusal on the part of a "Chazan" to accept from Campanini, the great impresario, an offer of £250. a night to sing in opera, also of the refusal of the same gentleman to accept an offer of £1,200 made to him by another synagogue to conduct the services there instead of at his own place of worship on last New Year and Day of Atonement. Surely such an attitude of respect for his calling and of self-abnegation is unparalleled in the records of "chazanuth" and in recognition of his self-sacrifice, we present this week's cake to the Rev. JOSEPH ROSEN-BLATT inscribing it "SOME" CHAZAN.*

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NOTES.

MANUFACTURING SINS.

We commonly divide offences against the moral law into three classes,—vices are injuries to one's self, crimes are violations of the laws of the land, and sins are offences against God. An act may be all of these at once, as drunkenness, which, though a personal vice, may be a violation of the law and also a sin against God. There are natural and artificial sins. Anything that threatens the life and comfort of a neighbour whether in his peace, person, or estate is a natural crime. But many things not in themselves wrong may by the enactment of laws be made criminal; these are artificial sins. The tendency of all modern jurisprudence is to repeal all laws that forbid acts which are in themselves harmless. Formerly the statute books of all nations were cumbered with laws which created offences by making innocent acts criminal. Especially was this the case with laws regulating the practice of religion. Two hundred years ago it was very difficult to be a law-abiding citizen. Between witchcraft and heresy there was a narrow path which the most circumspect citizen might walk with fear and trembling. Some one has said, "Wee unto him who creates a new sin, who makes that to be a sin which was not a sin before!"

CONDONING CRIMES.

We are come upon a time when the existence of a state of war throws into confusion all ordinary standards of personal and political conduct; new offences are springing up, and there is danger that we shall reap a crop of new and needless sins. But there is a local tendency nowadays to overlook offences against law and order if the perpetrator of them shall have served in one or other of the campaigns that have already taken place. It seems as if—in certain circles at least—the fact that a man has been to "the front" gives him a sort of license to commit actions which under ordinary circumstances would be punished and a new code of ultra-broadmindedness is being brought into being. It is said that circumstances alter cases and in a time

of war many things are overlooked which in a time of peace would be forbidden and punished and, while in one direction we are inclined to accord a liberty which is serving no good purpose, in other directions there is a tendency to cavil at free speech, free thought and the right to act for oneself that is morally, mentally, and we fear, spiritually harmful.

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