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Dear Member:

Those of us who would really feel in our hearts a genuine closeness to Judaism, could not possibly conceive of the existence of the Jewish people apart from the observance of the Sabbath. It has been said, and certainly without exaggeration, that more than Israel preserved the Sabbath, the Sabbath preserved Israel.

If we were asked to single out the one thing most essential for our preservation than all others, no one would hesitate to declare that it is the observance of the Sabbath. Without this, the home and the Synagogue, the festivals and the holy days, the language and the history of our people will gradually disappear.

The observance of the Sabbath brings deep and abiding rewards to the Jew. It re-creates his spirit as it regenerates his physical and nervous system. It brings him into communion with God, links him with the profoundest aspirations of Israel, and draws him into the orbit of Torah.

Here, in Uniontown, where the observances and practices for so many has been reduced to the basic and most elemental, why can we not reach up -- for a short hour on Friday evening -- in our own Synagogue -- that so much effort, money and love has brought to its present physical condition -- reach up for that bit of Jewish Religious Service so easy and pleasant to absorb.

Why not be with us this Friday night and many Friday nights to come -- if for nothing and no one else but your own self.

Sincerely yours,

*David Leiter*

Rabbi

*Abe Weiss*

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