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EYE WITNESS: EXCLUSIVE REPORT ON PALESTINE

By Morris J. Sidney

PART I Jerusalem

Wailing Wall — 18 metres in height. A great portion of the wall, 19 tiers of huge stones, is actually sunken under the surface of the ground. Pilgrimages to the Wailing Wall are made during the feasts and especially on Tish'a B'Av to commemorate the destruction of the Temple.

Hurva—is one of the most beautiful synagogues. In the court yard there is a religious school called Etz Hayim established in 1863.

Mt. of Olives — There is a large cemetery there. The Hebrew tradition says that the Rising of the Dead will commence on the Mt. of the Olives.

Bezalel Museum — It was established in 1906 and was called after Bezalel Ben Uri, the chief craftsman who built the Tabernacle and the Holy Ark for Israel. The museum has a rich collection of ancient candlesticks, coins, circumcision bowls, ancient and modern specimens of craftsmanship, chiefly Jewish, of all lands and periods.

Anglo-Palestine Bank — It is the largest Palestine bank and is the official banking house of the Jewish Agency. It has branches all over the country. Besides banks engaged in ordinary banking business, there are in Palestine banks which specialize in one particular activity, such as mortgage loans.

Mea Shearim—It was established in 1875 by orthodox Jews. The quarter was for many years protected by a wall in which there were many gates, and hence comes the name mea shearim, "A Hundred Gates".

Mount Scopus (Har Hatzofim) — There is there:

a) a war cemetery where British soldiers who fell in the province of Judea during the first world war are buried.

b) Hadassah Hospital

c) University.

Jewish Agency (Sochnut)— is the representative body of the Palestine Jewry. It was formally established in 1929. The President of the Jew-

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KOL NIDRE Tonight at 5:15 P.M.



Cantor Zalman Yavneh

The solemn Day of Atonement will be ushered in this evening at 5:15 P.M. with the chanting of the beautiful, traditional Kol Nidre Prayer.

Our Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, who so fervently chanted the New Year Services, will again officiate on the coming holiday when we petition G-d to judge us in a merciful manner before placing the final seal on our destined fate for the New Year.

On Friday afternoon, during Mincha Service, the "Al Chet" or "Confession Prayer" is recited at the Amidah.

In a spirit of religious awe, following the Mincha Service, a festival meal is eaten at home. The Talmud tells us that when a meal is eaten in festive joy on Erev Yom Kippur, it is considered as though that person had fasted on that day. This makes us realize that G-d desires our repentance and wishes to give us a good year.

It is the custom as a sign of complete repentance to remove our shoes on Yom Kippur and put on non-leather slippers.

Another important ritual is the performance of the "Kapporus" ceremony, which at one time entailed the use of a fowl. However, it has now become the custom to use money instead of the fowl; the money being given to charity.

We cannot stress too strongly that Yom Kippur forgives the sins of man in relation to G-d. However, in the case of wrong-doings committed

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

On Monday afternoon, October 7 at 1:30 o'clock sharp there will be a very important meeting of the Women's League Executive Board at the home of the President, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, 365 West End Avenue.

All the members of the Board are urged to make every effort to be present.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE — TO BE OF SERVICE

Literally hundreds of young people make Kiddush and Mohtzie in our Synagogue Succah, during the course of the holiday.

We require a large and capable group of young men and young women to serve on our Succah Committee.

All the young folks of the congregation are invited to volunteer to act in this capacity.

Won't you please phone the Synagogue, TR 7-8281, at once, and let us know that we can count on you, in this connection.

COOPERATE WITH THE USHERS

The ushers of the Synagogue have a task to perform. The congregation is asked to co-operate with them. A dignified service is an effective one. There is a time and a place to chatter and kibitz. Yom Kippur is not the time and the Synagogue is not the place.

Make it pleasant for yourselves by helping the ushers maintain decorum on the holiest day of the year, the Day of Atonement.

Silence is golden, except for one's prayers.

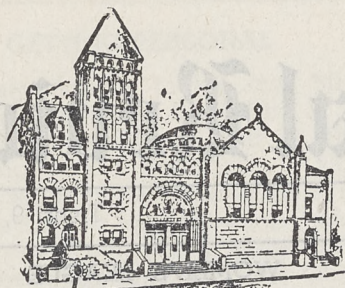
Thank You.

MAX LAZARUS

Captain of the Ushers

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Cohen upon the loss of their son Howard, as well as to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Steinberg.



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THE JUNIOR CITIZEN

We welcome into our midst "The Junior Citizen," the monthly publication of the Committee on Orthodox Education for the West Side. It is an ambitious project and should receive the interest of every man, woman, boy and girl of our neighborhood. It is well done and gives news of all the educational and religious institutions on the West Side. It is written with a view to interest the whole community in the project of furthering the attendance of children at Talmud Torahs and Yeshivos. The thanks of the community are due to Mr. Jacob Kaplan, a member of the Board of Directors of the West Side Institutional Synagogue for his initiative and persistence in bringing about this co-ordinated movement on the part of all institutions between 70th and 95th Streets.

We would like to see the paper less compact, and therefore more readable. Other than this suggestion, we cannot be too fulsome in our praise of the first issue of "The Junior Citizen" of the Committee On Orthodox Jewish Education of the West Side.



258th COMMANDMENT CONCERNING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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The punishment for transgressing this commandment is greater than that for incest and immoral relationships, for one is against man and the other, as a rule, is against G-d. One who is found violating the law, of course, must pay for whatever cheating he has done. Our rabbis also point out that if a coin was employed as a weight and it became rubbed, it may no longer be used, because thereby he will no longer give full weight. The weights should be of glass or of stone because they do not wear out. One is not to make or to leave around false weights, because if he does not use them, others might. One is not to make

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weights very close to each other in size for the lesser one might be mistaken for the larger one. In regard to measuring fields with cord or rope, he should not use the one that he employs in the winter for the summer because in the summertime, the rope or the cord shrinks. One should be most careful in regard to measurements. He should employ the elements of geometry in order to make sure that the measurements of the fields are actually right. We must give the same kind of measure to Gentile as to Jew. Further details of this commandment are found in the Talmud Baba Basra, Choshen Mishpat, Chapter 23. This law prevails at all times and at all places and refers to male and female. One who trespasses the law breaks a negative commandment. So also if one breaks this law in dealing with a Gentile, he violates a negative commandment and must return whatever he cheated. Not only in regard to weights and measures is one cautioned, but one is also forbidden to give any false accounting for it is written, "He shall reckon with his buyer (even though he does not know what you are doing secretly)." Again the law repeats that one who is guilty of breaking our Commandment is as an abomination of the L-d.

REPORT ON PALESTINE

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ish Agency is the President of the Zionist Organization. This post is at present held by Dr. Weizman. The affairs of the Jewish Agency are administered by its Executive, which is composed of the following members: David Ben-Gurion (Chairman); Political Department—Moshe Shertok (now in prison) Financial and Settlement Departments—Eliezer Kaplan; Labour Department—Itzhak Grinbaum (now in prison); Industry—Emil Scmorak; Commerce—Rabbi Fishman.

(To be continued next week.)

REGISTER BEFORE YOM TOV

A good citizen registers and votes.

A good Jew does not write on Yom Tov.

We therefore urge you to register early, on Monday or Tuesday evening (as the next three nights of Registration are on Yom Tov). If you forget to do so—then your last chance is on Saturday night.

KOL NIDRE

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against our fellow-man, it is necessary to have personal forgiveness from the individual who has been harmed. Therefore, everyone of us should seek this forgiveness from his fellow-men whom he has wronged. It is just as important that when this personal forgiveness is requested, it should be granted immediately and wholeheartedly. For how can we expect to be pardoned by G-d if we do not pardon our fellow-men. So, too, if we have wronged our fellow man financially, no amount of prayers can atone. We must make money restitution.

It is to be noted that before going to the synagogue to say Kol Nidre, it is the custom that parents should bless their children.

Upon breaking the fast after Yom Kippur, one should eat in an exuberant and joyous mood, confident that G-d has accepted our prayers and that we are all inscribed in the Book of Life, Happiness, and Peace. And so may it be.

MAGIC SHOW

The children of the Talmud Torah and their friends are in for a big treat this Sunday, October 6, 1946. At 10:00 A.M. they are going to see a swell magic show, to be put on right here in our own building. Bring your son and daughter for some great fun this Sunday morning.

THE SCOUTS

Our Scout Organizations are looking forward to a very wonderful season this year.

First we have the Cub Scouts. Boys from the age of 9-12 are eligible to become members. The first meeting, to which the boys and their parents are invited to attend, will be held Monday night, October 7, at 7:30 P.M., at the Synagogue. Come down and become a charter member of Pack 523 for this year.

Troop 530, the Boy Scout Troop, expects a very large registration this year. The program for the year includes all those things scouts like to do — Hiking, games, camping and scoutcraft. Registration will be Tuesday night, October 8, at 7:30 P.M.

An Explorer Scout Outpost is being formed by the Senior Scouts themselves. Boys from 15 to 17 are invited to become charter members. Here is the ideal program for young men. It combines the best points of senior and advanced scouting, social and athletic activities.

For boys from 15-18 with the salt of the sea in their hearts there is Sea Scout Ship 1030. The first meeting will be Tuesday night, October 8, at 7:30 P.M.

A SCOUT MAKES FOR HAPPY FELLOWSHIP.

The following extend their best wishes for a Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year to their relatives, members and friends of W.S.I.S.:

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Mincha Servicesfrom 2 to 3:30
Kol Nidre 5:15
Yom Kippur Day Service 8:00
Junior Congregation10:00
Yom Kippur terminates 6:03
Sunday morning Services 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha5:15
Followed by the Interpretation of the
Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein.

SUKKOS DONATIONS

Our Sukkah has always been the pride of the congregation. We enter the Sukkah with a feeling of reverence as we see the fruits, vegetables and leaves over our heads, and the wine and cake on the table before us. Fill your hearts with even more pride and joy, by knowing that some of fruit, vegetables, wine or cake are yours. Your contributions will be gratefully accepted.

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Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

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Yours truly,
Miss S. G.

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wishes for a Happy and Pros-
perous New Year.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

In these days, when the extraordinary demand for High Holy Days Seats made our task so difficult, it is possible that a few of our friends may have been disappointed. It is therefore quite appropriate to repeat here a conversation which took place in our office.

"We are both members of this institution, yet you receive tickets while I am told that there are no more seats available. Am I not as good a member as you?" Replied the other, "I think you are every bit as good a member. Perhaps you contribute more liberally than I do. However, when I received a letter from the WSIS in June requesting me to make reservation for seats, I promptly returned the enclosed card and reserved the seats. Consequently I received a notification in August, that my seats were reserved. You neglected to do so. You come in a short time before the Holidays and ask for seats. Are you really surprised that there are none available?"

I am certain that you, our readers, will realize the difficulty of our task, and will appreciate the necessity of co-operating with us.

GETTING PERSONAL

We welcome the following additional new members: Alexander Cohen, Jack Cohen, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg, Samuel Goldlust, Samuel Karsh, Joseph Kirsch, Mrs. Muriel Lillie, Mrs. Jeanette H. Percy, Richard Ullman, Saul Schreibersdorf, Charles Shinsky, Albert M. Waldman, Isaac Zimmer. We hope they will actively participate in our activities. . . . Good luck to Irwin Binder who just entered North Carolina State College. . . . Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Harold Gabel and Adelaide Hocky who were married at our Synagogue on September 24, 1946. . . . We are mighty proud of Paul S. Metzger who was appointed to the teaching staffs of City College and Columbia College. . . . Birthday greetings to Mrs. Julius Bayer and Sylvia Jacoby. . . . Sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Lena Gamson. We wish her a very speedy recovery. . . . Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herring on their recent wedding anniversary. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Isaacs upon the birth of their son, Thomas Charles; also to the grandfather, Mr. Henry Isaacs. . . . Our best wishes, also, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Hoffman, upon the birth of their daughter Esther Sara, and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isak Haselkorn. And best of luck to Mr. Isak Hazekorn on his new venture. . . . Happy Birthday to Ira Bruce Tumpowsky and Marcia Therese Tumpowsky. . . . We received a special thrill and were mighty proud the other night when Morris J. Sidney, the only life member of the Synagogue, paid us a visit. He had been in Palestine for over ten weeks, and upon his arrival home, less than two hours after leaving the boat he came to see us. . . . Our Rosh Hashonah Services this year, were in one respect, quite different from last year. It was wonderful to see all those young men, who in the last few years came to the Services in their uniforms, now in their civies. . . . Time and tide wait for no man, so be sure to be at the Synagogue tonight for Kol Nidre Services at 5:15. We wish you well over the fast and trust you have a heap of spiritual credentials in the "High Court" to tip scales in your favor for a year of life, health and happiness.

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