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EYE WITNESS EXCLUSIVE REPORT ON PALESTINE

By Morris J. Sydney

PART II

Vaad Leumi (National Council)—While the Jewish Agency is our representative body, the Vaad Leumi is our self-government in internal affairs. It supervises the education, has a well-organized social work department, a cultural work department (as for instance conducting of Hebrew lessons for new immigrants), and a municipal department (whose function is to coordinate and supervise the work of the local councils in villages and that of the municipalities in towns). The head of the Vaad Leumi is Ben Zvi (president). The chairman is David Remez (now in prison); treasurer — A. Berlin; head of the social work department — Dr. Abraham Katznelson; head of the education department — Dr. Soloveitchik; and head of the cultural work department, including yeshivot, kehillot, etc. — Rabbi Ostrowski.

Tel Aviv

30 years ago all the tract of land over which Tel Aviv now stretches were desolate sand dunes. Now the town counts over 200,000 souls.

The main road is called Allenby — in honour of the British commander who entered Palestine in 1917. The museum was founded in 1931 by the then mayor of Tel Aviv, Dizengoff, who dedicated his house for this purpose. The Tel Aviv port was opened in 1936 and its activities which were curtailed owing to the war, are now steadily increasing.

Tel Aviv together with its neighborhood is the centre of Palestine industry (juice factories, textile factories, glass factories, chocolate factories, etc.).

Haifa

The Haifa harbour was built in 1931. A large percentage of Palestine's export is shipped through this port.

The town is composed of three parts: 1) the area near the harbour, known as Haifa town; 2) Hadar Hacarmel (the glory of Carmel) where the bulk of the Jewish population lives. Here is also located the Technion — an engineering college

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THE SUCCAH



SUCCOS FESTIVAL THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

The celebration of the joyous festival of Succos will begin Wednesday evening, October 9th, for a period of eight days. It is one of our most joyous holidays and recalls the traditional celebrations in the Holy Land which marked the harvest thanksgiving and the Feast of Booths. Likewise, in our celebration of the Holiday, every person can reflect upon the many events which occurred during the year for which he can be thankful.

It is customary to decorate and beautify the Succah in every possible manner.

The "esrog" and "lulab" are carried around the Synagogue in a procession to commemorate the seven day encompassment of the walls of Jericho, reminiscent of our triumphant entrance into the Holy Land, and symbolic of our eventual re-entrance.

The blessing recited over the "lulab" and "esrog" as they are taken together each morning signifies the great necessity of unity and cooperation.

During the holiday week we recite special prayers called Hoshanos, the

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RABBI AND MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN, AT HOME

In accordance with their annual custom, Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein will entertain the entire Congregation at their home Thursday afternoon, October 17, 1946, from 2:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein reside at 229 West 78th Street. They are anxious to meet and greet all worshippers, old and young, of the W.S.I.S.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Sh'mini Ahtzeres, Thursday, October 17th, Yizkor services will be recited at our Synagogue in memory of our departed ones. Please fill out the form below and mail to us.

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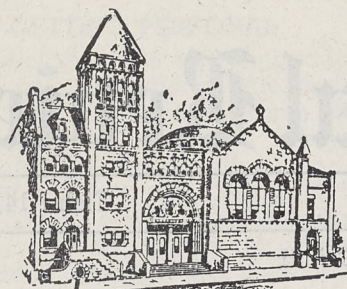
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"TIRED GIVING?"

There is always the danger as far as helping the unfortunate is concerned, that after making a few contributions we get annoyed and tired of giving. Maimonides, codifier of the law, philosopher and psychologist, said that "Our characters are molded not by the doing of one great deed, but by the amount of deeds and by the repetition of good deeds." It is better for a man's character if he gives ten times One Hundred Dollars than if he gives One Thousand Dollars at once. When we give and are urged to give again and again, we begin to say, "When is this going to stop?" But in spite of the many calls upon us we give and are willing to be called upon again, we prove the magnanimity of our soul and character.

The need for the sending of food packages constantly to our brethren in Europe is tremendous. We therefore urge our readers to answer these many and repeated calls that shall be made upon us from time to time during the coming months.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sympathies to Mr. Reuben Rosenberg upon the loss of his father.



259th COMMANDMENT JUST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND SCALES

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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One is to be scrupulously careful about his weights he puts upon his scales, for we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, verse 36, "Just balances shall ye have." This is also true in regard to dry and liquid measures as the verse goes on to say: "A just ephah and a just hin shall ye have." The ephah was a dry measure and the hin a liquid measure. The ephah was the standard dry measure, a little larger than a bushel. The hin was the measure for liquids (about 1 3/8 gals.). This verse is understood by the Rabbis to mean that one should not have one measure for himself and another for others, namely, to buy with one and to sell with another; as we read, "Just balances and just weights shall ye

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have." Metaphorically speaking, this law is an indication that one should not demand much for himself and little for others. He should not exaggerate one's own virtues and at the same time exaggerate someone else's vices as the verse indicates. "Just balances shall ye have."

In regard to scales there are many fine tricks by which the buyer can be deceived. Although the Torah has said before that one may not cheat, our commandment goes into detail regarding this matter of weights, measures and scales, and takes up each one separately so as to indicate the importance of being meticulously honest in our business relationships. This law is just as pertinent today as it was when it was revealed at Sinai. The Bible says that God will exact punishment from anyone who causes his measures or scales to be false in any way. The purpose of this Commandment is to lead us into honest dealings and keep us distant from theft, deception and cheating. Our Rabbis have laid down the law that no one should make any weights of tin or lead or any similar metal that allows rust to gather upon it and thereby causing short weight, but the weights should be made of stone and glass and similar materials that do not lend themselves to deception.

REPORT ON PALESTINE

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and 3) Mount Carmel. In ancient years, the Carmel was covered with vineyards — hence, the name. Now the Mount is covered with beautiful houses, hotels, and convalescent homes. The most picturesque part is the French Carmel, owned by a French convent.

Haifa has a well developed industry. Of particular mention is the Shemen (Oil Products) factory. The famous oil pipe line from Iraq, which is 620 miles long, terminates at Haifa. From Haifa the oil is exported to England. The oil pipe, and the big refineries in Haifa contribute immensely to its importance as a commercial base for the British Empire.

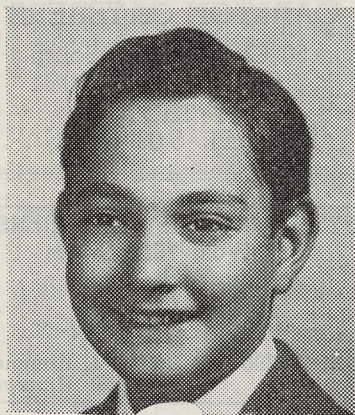
At a distance of five miles from Haifa there is the Portland Cement Co., "Nesher" established in 1925. It employs 800 workers and produces 100,000 tons of cement, with which it supplies all the Middle East. During the war, the bulk of its output was used up by the military. Near the Nesher factory is the famous Yagur settlement in which a large

amount of ammunition, hidden in caches was found on June 29.

Hagana (The Defense). This organization has existed in Palestine since the British occupation began. As the Jews' purpose was to guard Jewish places against Arab attacks, this organization served a necessary and useful purpose. Practically every good Jew has belonged to Hagana at one time or another. Arms and ammunition were provided by the Government. In 1940, when the German threat grew, the British approached Hagana leaders and asked them to put at their disposal a few hundred men who would get first class military training, and who would, in the case of Nazi invasion, serve as guerilla troops.

There is no doubt that when the danger of Nazi invasion passed away, the few hundred men who got their military training from the British began to train their colleagues from the Hagana in modern warfare, and thus, the number of Palmach increased steadily, although it probably never reached more than a few thousand men in number.

BAR MITZVAH



B. Warren Brown

We extend very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Brown upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Bernard Warren which will be held in our Synagogue Saturday.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

Just a little note to remind you of the gala affair being held by the Buddy Friedman Post on Election Eve, to which all veterans, their families and their friends are invited to attend.

SUCCOS FESTIVAL

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greatest portion of which are recited on Hoshano Rabbo, October 16th. On this day the worshippers walk around the Synagogue seven times. It is customary to remain awake and recite various portions from the Torah on the night of "Hoshano Rabbo."

OUR SUCCAH

The decoration of our Succah this year was in charge of a very capable Committee headed by Mrs. Charles Bendheim, and including Mr. Charles Bendheim, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wiener, Mr. Alexander Kirsh, Mrs. Clarence Horwitz and our Rebetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein.

The congregation is invited to make Kiddush and "Mohtzie" in our Succah after each service.

HOLIDAY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Erev Succos—Erev Tavshilin
Light Candles Wednesday Eve.....5:05
Light Candles Thursday Eve.....5:04
Light Candles Friday Eve.....5:03

Succos Services

Wednesday Evening Service
(Erev Succos)5:00
Thursday Morning Service.....9:00
Thursday Evening Service.....5:00
Friday Morning Service.....9:00
Friday Evening Service.....5:00

Chol Hamoad Services

Saturday Morning Service.....8:45
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class.....4:00
Saturday Mincha.....5:00
Sabbath Terminates.....5:53

Daily Services

Sunday Morning6:30, 8:00
Monday and
Tuesday Mornings6:30, 7:30, 8:00
Mincha4:55
Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein
TIKKUN Hoshanah Rabbah
Tuesday night,9:00
Hoshanah Rabbah
Wednesday Morning.....6:15, 7:30

WOMEN'S LEAGUE SUCCOS TEA

All the women of the Congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend the Women's League Succos Tea which will be held in our beautiful Succah on Monday afternoon, October 14th at 2 o'clock.

The program of the afternoon will include a Succos Greeting by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and a message of international significance by Mrs. Kurt Lange of the American Association for the United Nations.

A treat is in store for all who attend.

We extend to all our friends
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wishes for a Joyous Succos.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

This year we plan to broaden the scope of the Department for Social activities under the leadership of our Social Director, Lester Lazarus. In line with our aim to attract young people to this institution, we are concentrating our efforts to organize groups of young men and young women interested in cultural activities.

In order to have these groups function properly and devote their energies and talents in the right direction, they require adult leaders. Particularly the younger groups must have qualified, sympathetic and understanding leaders. Men or women possessing engaging personalities are wanted for this most interesting work.

You, our readers, can aid us in this field by volunteering your services as club leaders. Those of you who are interested in youth can derive keen pleasure and gratification by taking charge of a group of youngsters and endeavor to mould their characters. You will find this an intriguing and exciting task which will give you great satisfaction and a sense of exultation.

This kind of service offers a marvelous opportunity for ennobling experience which will yield liberal dividends. Please communicate with Lester Lazarus and offer your services.

GETTING PERSONAL

Once in a while, things around the Synagogue get a little dusty and dirty and have to be cleaned or fixed. Such an occasion arose recently and we had to have our curtains cleaned, so we sent them to the Goldenrod cleaners. Nothing unusual so far, but we haven't finished. The curtains were returned all nice and clean, but we never got a bill. We think that was very nice, and want to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to them. . . . Speaking of the nicer things in life, we certainly are proud of Simeon H. F. Goldstein, who was just elected Commander of the Lt. Saul Schwartz Post, No. 441, Bronx, of the Jewish War Veterans. Our hearts just swell with pride when one of our young men receive the recognition they so justly deserve. . . . They say it never rains, but it pours. Looks as though there may be some truth to that. Max Lazarus, L.L.B., C.U. (Chief Usher), just walked into the office, and with him he brought a check payable to the W.S.I.S. With that check there's a little story that makes us feel better than we already do, and that's going some. Harry A. Lefcort, who is neither a member, nor a seatholder, walked into the Synagogue during the Rosh Hashonah Services. He was deeply impressed with our Service and appreciated our hospitality, hence the check as a token of his feelings. Thank you, Mr. Lefcort. . . . While we're in a thankful mood, we'd like to thank Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Mrs. Jacob Kaplan and Mrs. Harry Ward. We have a very wonderful Talmud Torah at the Synagogue, and although most people know about it, some don't. These fine people spent quite a bit of time at the telephone calling the parents of the neighborhood and reminding them about the Talmud Torah; reminding them that their children's religious education is as important as their public school education. And don't you forget that either! . . . One in a million! Best of luck to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman in their new apartment. . . . And finally, Birthday Greetings to Cantor Zalman Yavneh, and his son Cyrus, Mrs. Essie Blanco, Mr. Barnett Jaffin, Denise Mirkin, Max Sanders and his daughter Betty, Mrs. Sylvia Singer, and to Judith Bendheim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendheim. . . . Anniversary Wedding Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Frankel and Mr. and Mrs. Morty Morris. . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Jane Udell and Mrs. Hattie Davis.

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