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Excerpts from the
**STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF RABBI,
DR. ISAAC HERZOG**
to the

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

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I spent six months last year visiting the remnants of our people on the European continent, wandering amidst the ash-heaps of what was ten years ago a third of Israel. . . Conditions in them have almost reached the breaking-point. Nothing material can console the mother whose babe was torn from her breast by mad dogs in Belsen or Dachau, or the orphans who saw their parents buried alive and the ground heaving from their agonized movements. These lost remnants must be rehabilitated in spirit, and that rehabilitation can only be effected among their own people in the land for which their spirit longs and where the torment of the past will be forgotten in building the future.

And while I am on this point, permit me to deal with one special issue which has been repeatedly raised in connection with the proposed political settlement. It has been alleged that if a Jewish Commonwealth were to be set up in this country, non-Jewish religions would be adversely affected thereby. On this point I should like to repeat what I said last year to the Anglo-American Committee. We, the Chief Rabbis of Palestine, stand here to declare that the Jewish people will not in any form whatsoever seek to impose its religion or traditions on peoples of other faiths by force, by persuasion, by legislation, or by any other means. In the Jewish Commonwealth every community will have full autonomy in administering its religion and cultural affairs in accordance with its traditions within a framework similar to that provided for in the Mandate. Every community will administer its own institutions freely without any interference whatsoever on the part of the State. The holy places of the several religions should be under the guardianship of those to whom they are sacred.

ATROCITIES OF BUCHENWALD TO BE REVEALED BY SOLOMON SUROWITZ AT RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S CLASS MONDAY NIGHT

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REMINDERS:

Friday Night Youth Study Circle at 8:15: Teen-age boys and girls are invited.

Sunday Morning Youth Service at 9:15, followed by breakfast, and movie on Palestine with **guest speaker, Walter Shapiro.** Adults may attend if accompanied by a boy.



Solomon Surowitz, who recently returned from Dachau and Munich, Germany, where he was Associate Prosecutor of the **Buchenwald Concentration Camp** parent case (see picture, right) will be guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's class in Jewish Philosophy, on Monday evening, December 8, 1947 at 8:40 o'clock.

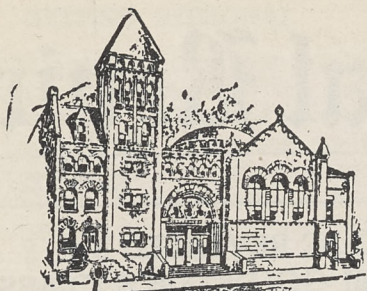
Mr. Surowitz will highlight certain personal and dramatic behind-the-scenes details not heretofore revealed which occurred during the prosecution of the Buchenwald War Criminals. This highly absorbing case, which involved about eight months of intensive preparation and four months of continuous prosecution resulted in the conviction of all the 31 war criminals accused.

Questions will be invited from the audience at the conclusion of the discussion. You are cordially invited to bring your friends.

TO MEMBERS OF W. S. I. S.

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a domestic religious corporation, will be held on Monday evening, December 15, 1947 at 8:30 o'clock at 120 - 138 West 76th Street, New York City, for the purpose of electing trustees and directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Lester Udell, President,
Morris Jablow, Secretary



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MAZEL TOV

We thank G-d for the United Nations Assembly.

We are indeed grateful to the Nations of the world for giving to the Jewish people the great opportunity for Statehood. The world will have no regrets for this action. It shall become our bounden duty, according to Jewish tradition, not only to serve ourselves, but humanity, as well. We should and will make every effort to live at peace with our Arab neighbors.

Our hope is that the Jewish State will be Jewish not merely in name, but in fact. Throughout the ages, Palestine has been the Holy Land of the Jew. The Constitution of the State must therefore be within the frame of the Torah. We must keep before us now, more than ever, the lofty universalistic ideals of Judaism, as expressed by the prophet Isaiah that Israel "shall be a light unto the Nations."

We feel confident that Palestine Jewry will live up to the responsibility that now rests upon it, to serve inwardly and outwardly as the spiritual laboratory of the world.



304th COMMANDMENT Not to Eat Parched Corn Until the Omer is Brought By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are not permitted to eat parched corn from the new growth before the 17th day of Nissan, even if it was roasted, (before it was used for bread). If one ate of it before the 17th day of Nissan he transgressed the Commandment as it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 23, Verse 14, "And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor fresh ears . . . until this selfsame day, until ye have brought the offering

HAPPY CHANUKAH First Light Sunday Night

In our Prayer Book we read: "In the days of Mattathias, the son of Jochanan, the High Priest, the Hasmonean, and his sons, when the iniquitous power of Greece arose against Israel, Thy People, to cause them to forget Thy Torah and transgress the decrees of Thy will, then didst Thou stand up for them in the time of their trouble". Thus does our Prayer Book condense the great struggle of that time, and characterize the heroism of our Maccabean forefathers which culminated in a victory celebration in the recaptured Jerusalem.

Chanukah marks the anniversary of the occasion when Juda Maccabee drove the enemy out of the land, cleansed the Temple, and came to rededicate it (165 B.C.E.).

MAX E. SANDERS TO INSTALL OFFICERS OF BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

The installation of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Wednesday evening, December 10, at 8:30 P.M. Max E. Sanders will install the following newly elected officers: Danny Cowen, Commander, Nat Cohen, Senior Vice Commander, Herbert Hirsch, Junior Vice Commander. The outgoing Commander is Leonard Feinstein.

All members and friends are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

"AS
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of your G-d; it is a statute forever throughout your generation in all your dwellings." He who transgressed the law received stripes.

305th COMMANDMENT Not to Eat of the Fresh Ears of Corn Until the Omer is Brought

We are not permitted to eat of the fresh ears of corn before the Omer is brought. For it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 23, Verse 14, "And ye shall eat neither bread nor parched corn, nor fresh ears . . . until this selfsame day, until ye have brought the offering of your G-d; it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings." Fresh ears refers to the grain that was in their ears. He who transgressed the law received stripes.

The Bible mentions bread, parched corn, and fresh ears separately, to indicate that if the three of them were eaten before the offering of the Omer, one would be guilty of receiving stripes three times.

The observance of Chanukah is characterized chiefly by the kindling of the lights in the candelabrum (Menorah). It has places for eight oil or wax lights, as well as one for the "shamash" or service light. On the first evening, one light is kindled, with the "shamash"; the second night two, and so forth for eight days. The traditional benedictions are recited upon kindling the lights. The Chanukah lights are to burn for at least half an hour each night.

After kindling the lights, songs are sung in honor of the occasion. The popular "Mo-oz Tsur" (Rock of Ages) is the best known of these. Children receive Canukah "gelt" (money) to be used for charitable purposes. It is customary also to eat pancakes, particularly potato pancakes ("latkes").

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPEN MEETING

All the women of the Congregation and their friends are invited to attend the next Open Meeting of our Women's League, which is to be held at our building on Monday afternoon, December 8th, at 2 o'clock. Our own Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim will present to us, in her charming and dynamic manner, her first-hand impressions of "Palestine, Today."

Refreshments will be served at one o'clock.

OUR Talmud Torah

CHANUKAH ACTIVITIES

Every pupil at our Religious School received a box of Chanukah candles to be kindled at home. and has learned the laws of Chanukah and their significance.

Sunday morning, December 7th, at 10:30 o'clock, (on the eve of Chanukah), our pupils will celebrate the holiday at an Assembly. There will be a rich program of fun and surprises. Refreshments will be tendered by the Women's League. Parents and friends of our Talmud Torah are cordially invited.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

"Rosh Chodesh Benschen" Teves
Beginning Saturday Night
Light Candles Friday Evening 4:09
Weekly Portion: Vayeshev
Friday Evening Service 4:20
Young Peoples' Friday Night Circle:
Eric Freudenstein 8:15
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:15
Oneg Shabbos (Children 8-12)..... 3:30
Mincha Service 4:15
Reader of Torah: Jerome Kamerman
Reader of Service: Moses Gottlieb
Speaker: Jack Verschleiser
The Sabbath Terminates 4:57
Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Sunday Morning
Youth Service 9:15

Daily Services:

Mornings (Chanukah) 6:30, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha 4:20

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

A Chanukah Party sponsored by the Youth Council of our Social Department will be held Saturday night, December 13, at 8 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged. Refreshments and entertainment. All are cordially invited.

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GETTING PERSONAL

We were thrilled to note that our out-of-town college students came to services Thanksgiving Sabbath morning. Among those who greeted us were Marilyn Wohl, from Cornell, Allen Mirken, from Colby, Ralph Kestenbaum, from Trinity, and Joseph Fuchs, from Syracuse. . . Delighted to see Director George Livingston at the Synagogue on Thanksgiving day. . . Welcome home to Director and Mrs. Samuel Silver. . . Mazel tov to our member, Zyg-fryd Wolloch, upon his marriage to Miss Helen Wander. . . Mrs. Aaron Wartels must not have been well if she missed our services last week. Refuah Shlaymo. . . Director Isaac Goldman flew to the coast on business. . . Our friend, Mrs. M. H. Engel, who was here on a visit from California, stopped in to see our synagogue this week. Her comment was, Orthodox Jewry may truly be proud of our synagogue. Happy birthday greetings to Directors Henry Blankfort, and Moe Oltarsh, our Men's Club President, and Michael Blankfort. . . Additional donors to the Shmini Atzeres Appeal for Overseas Relief are Mrs. Minnie Blumberg, Harry Schetzen and Mrs. Blanche Weiss. . . We welcome back our distinguished member, Isaac Naiditch, an outstanding Zionist, who made an extensive trip to Europe to help our brethren. . . A suggestion for celebrating a birthday or any other occasion is by being host to our Sunday Morning Youth Service and Breakfast. . . By the way, our readers are urged to contribute to this column, by writing to the editors.

LAST CALL! WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 9, 1947

Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Do not miss the forthcoming Luncheon of our Women's League which is to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, December 9th at 12:30 o'clock sharp.

It promises to be an unusually enjoyable occasion. The program will be superb, the prizes beautiful, and the whole afternoon one that will linger long in the memory of those who will attend.

If you have not already made your reservation, we suggest that you do so, immediately, by mailing your check of \$15.00 made out to the Women's League, W.S.I.S., to Mrs. Walter Freeman, Chairman, 122 West 76th Street.

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