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RABBI GOLDSTEIN

will preach tomorrow on
"Our Future"

WE NEED THE DP'S

"It is high time people in the United States began to think of admitting displaced persons from Europe, not so much as a favor to these homeless unfortunates, but as a great favor to this country. The blunt fact is that there are parts of the United States which are sorely in need of the DP's as new population to replace crippling losses.

As everyone knows, the North Central States comprise the national breadbasket. They are the granary of this country — to a large extent they are the granary of the world. In the 7 years since 1940, these States have lost population, according to official current census computations, as follows:

State:	Loss
North Dakota	148,417
South Dakota	131,272
Wisconsin	99,528
Minnesota	97,022
Nebraska	92,586
Iowa	83,546

To come closer to home, Missouri and Kansas also have lost population, the former 119,912 and the latter 20,659. Add the Missouri and Kansas losses to those of the six States in the table and we have a total of more than 800,000. And if we add in the 229,416 out-State migration from the Mountain States, such as Colorado and Wyoming, the figure goes above 1,000,000.

How has this come about? Have all the farmers suddenly grown much older? The answer is as simple as it is tragic for the affected regions. The young men and women have walked out. They went away as boys and girls to the war, either to the armed services or wartime work, and they have not come back. What is more, most of them are not coming back. Technological changes in agricultural methods are a factor, but they do not in themselves account for the migration.

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JEROME I. UDELL WILL SPEAK ON "INSIDE EUROPE"

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On Monday afternoon, December 22, Mrs. Leopold Hirsch will be hostess to the Women's League, Executive Board, at her home, 451 West End Avenue. A report of the recent highly successful LUNCHEON as well as several other very important matters will be presented for the consideration of the board.

All board members are urged to make every effort to attend.

Coffee will be served at one o'clock and the meeting will follow immediately thereafter.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN TO BE HOST AT OUR SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

Guest speakers and lox are featured at our Sunday Morning Father and Son Breakfast which follows our Youth Morning Service at 9:15. It may be said of our Sunday mornings at the W.S.I.S. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Rabbi Goldstein will be host at this Sunday's breakfast in honor of the Yahrzeit of his mother, Sarah Miriam Goldstein.



Jerome I. Udell

Mr. Jerome I. Udell, who spent several months investigating conditions in Europe this summer, will be the guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Class in Jewish Philosophy on Monday evening, Dec. 22, at 8:45 o'clock. Mr. Udell is active in many Jewish philanthropic organizations and he is the associate chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of New York. During the war he held an important post in the Office of the Quartermaster-General and in the Office of the Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations.

Mr. Udell has a dynamic personality and is a most interesting speaker. He is a brother of our beloved President, Lester Udell.

You and your friends are cordially invited to come and spend a pleasant evening with us.

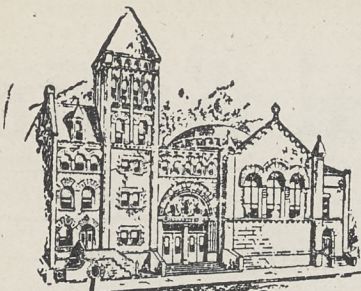
"FAST OF TEVES" THIS TUESDAY

"Assarah Beteves" commemorates the day when the Babylonians began their effective siege which brought about the fall of our Holy Temple.

CONDOLENCE

to Mrs. Emanuel Stern upon the
loss of her mother,

FANNIE BIRDY



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IN HONOR OF LESTER UDELL

An orchard of fruit trees will be planted in Palestine to honor Mr. Lester Udell, according to an announcement the other day, by Mr. Julius Bayer, chairman of the Lester Udell Orchard in Palestine, 1123 Broadway, New York City. The orchard will enable the colonists, in Palestine who observe the Biblical Sabbatical year to earn a livelihood during that time.

Such men as Rabbi Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University; Rabbi Aaron Kotler, dean of Post Graduate Rabbinical Seminary; Rabbi P. Mendlowitz, dean of Mesita Torah Vodaath; Rabbi Isaac Hutner, president of faculty of Mesita Rabbi Chaim Berlin; Mayor William O'Dwyer, Rabbis Leo Jung and Herbert S. Goldstein, head the Committee.

It certainly was a happy thought to honor one who deserves to be honored, and to provide an income for the Jewish farmer during the Sabbatical years. The project itself, on its own, merits our liberal support, and all the more so, when it will bear the name of an illustrious loyal Jew, as that of Mr. Lester Udell.



"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"

306th COMMANDMENT

**"To Count 49 Days, Day by Day
From the Offering of the Omer."**

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

II

The forty-nine days of the "Counting of the Omer" are the days of preparation for receiving the Torah on the Sixth day of Sivan, namely on Shevuoth. In Post-Biblical times this was a period of gloom, due to the many persecutions which occurred during these seven weeks. As soon as Passover arrived, it seemed as if the Christian world could not live without Jewish blood.

Our religion forbids the shedding of human blood, and the consumption of any kind of blood, whatsoever, either animal or human. The Bible and Talmud in the most forceful terms, make it a very grievous sin for us to drink blood of any kind, yet the Christian church in-

vented a legend (which some ignorant Christians still cling to), that the Jews must have the blood of a Christian with their "Matzos", on Passover. If perchance a Christian child was lost during this period, the life and property of the whole Jewish community was imperilled. The Christians went so far that they would purposely cause some Christian child to disappear so that they might have an excuse for attacking Jews and invalidating their own debts. It is true that these murderous gangs were requited according to their deeds and seldom did a soul return to tell a tale. They were exterminated by all kinds of diseases. But as the Psalmist put it "The enemy indeed perished, but the ruins remain." (See Psalm 9). From then on, up to the present day, observant Jews regard these days of the Omer, from Passover till Shevuoth, as a period of semi-mourning.

The laws of this Commandment are that we are commanded to count the days from the evening, so that they shall be "complete" from evening to evening. These laws refer to males and not to females, because where time is involved, women are free from obligations. He who has transgressed the law, and does not count the days of the Omer, has violated a positive commandment.

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This is something which could be forseen — which in fact was forseen. Four years ago John Kinsey Howard, in Montana: High, Wide, and Handsome, declared that World War I had left his State "bankrupt in land, money, and men," and that the effects of World War II "may be worse." In 1942 warplant migration had brought many Montana towns and some cities to "the verge of collapse."

The openings which are thus left on farms, milk routes and dairies, in blacksmith shops, farm-machinery agencies, and small-town businesses are waiting today to be filled by many thousands of Europe's displaced persons. Men and women and children of Europe will be immediately at home just as years ago many of their people came to the States of the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and were at home on the virgin plains.

Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Poles, Yugoslavs, Hungarians—these are the chief groups from which displaced persons for the United States would be selected. All of them know the rigors of winter and

how to take care of themselves if given half a chance. . . .

The Stratton bill for admission of 100,000 displaced persons a year for 4 years died in the regular session of Congress. When the issue comes up again, the argument should be more than humane treatment of the DP's. It should be downright need for them in stricken portions of the United States.

Governor Youngdahl's commission of agricultural, labor, religious, and welfare representatives in Minnesota, Governor Aandahl's similar commission in North Dakota are signs that the area is beginning to wake up. Facts and figures are needed. Let these commissions go to Congress with enough evidence of what population losses are doing and the number of DP's who can be accommodated, and the next handling of the Stratton bill will be a different story.

The DP's need America, but no more than America needs the DP's. The National Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons could not have a sounder appeal for action."

Editorial from the St. Louis Dispatch, November 28, 1947.

OUR Talmud Torah

REGISTRATION

Plans are being made to accept new pupils in all departments for the winter season. If you have a child who still does not attend school, please contact Rabbi Reichel any afternoon from 4 to 6.

ACTIVITIES

The second issue of our Religious School paper, "KOLENU", (Our Voice) has been distributed among our pupils. We shall be glad to send a copy of the paper to parents who have children of Talmud Torah age.

Children who attend our Hebrew School may join our basketball teams which play with the other Religious Schools. This activity is sponsored by the Committee on Orthodox Jewish Education of the West Side. Our pupils are now participating in an essay contest, "What Does Shabbos mean to Me". Prizes for the best essay will be distributed on Tuesday night, January 6th, at a Parent-Teachers meeting.

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Friday Evening Service 4:25
Friday Evening Young People's
Study Circle 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 (Boys and Girls
8-12) 3:15
Mincha Service 4:15
Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz
Reader of Service: Morty Langer
The Sabbath Terminates 4:59
Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Special Young People's Service
and Breakfast 9:15
Daily Services:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Tuesday —
Fast of Teves 6:30, 7:40, 8:15
Thursday 6:45, 8:45
Mincha 4:25
Mincha Tuesday 4:10
Followed by the Explanation
of the Shulchan Aruch
by Rabbi Goldstein

SAID THE POET . . .

*"What makes life worth the living
Is the giving and forgiving;
Giving tiny bits of kindness
That will leave a joy behind us.
And forgiving bitter trifles
That the right word often stifles,
For the little things are bigger
Than we often stop to figure;
What makes life worth the living
Is our giving and forgiving."*

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FOR INFORMATION

about one grave or a plot in our Memorial Park at Mt. Eden Cemetery telephone our office TR 7-8281.

GETTING PERSONAL

An ideal way to celebrate a simcha or any other occasion is by being host at our Sunday Morning Father and Son Youth Service and Breakfast. Last Sunday, some interesting stories on "Charity" were told by Directors Samuel K. Beier, Morris Jablow, Ben Wiener, and Alex Pruzan. . . We were grateful to the Almighty that we were privileged to have our Rebbetzin, Mrs. Goldstein, back at services again, after an enforced absence of many months. Incidentally, she was re-elected to the National Board of the Mizrahi Women's Organization at their recent Convention. . . Another President in our midst — Mrs. Moses Langer now heads the Women's Auxiliary of the Yeshiva Gevoch of Lakewood. Good luck to her. . . Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans again presented a scholarship of \$250.00 to the Yeshiva University in loving memory of Buddy Friedman. Veterans of our synagogue family are invited to join our J. W. V. The new slate of officers of the Post, who were recently installed include: Nat Cohen, Danny Cowen, Leonard Feinstein, Arthur Gottlieb, Herbert Hirsch, Joshua Jacobs, Harry Kartus, Milton Kleinman, Joseph Padower, Samuel Pevsner, Albert M. Cohen, Myron Friedlander, Al Kirsh, Albert Schulman, Harry Ward and Dr. Samuel Weiss. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silver upon the approaching marriage of their son, Elihu, to Miss Carol Salzburg. . . Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro were the guests of honor last Saturday night at the Dedication Exercises of the newly built Dormitory of the Mesift Torah Vodaath in Brooklyn. . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Morris Jablow. . . Glad to see our friend, Judge Jehiel Roeder as well as David Hecht, at our services. By the way, David looked very well in his uniform. . . Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Ehrlich and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lober, who were abroad this summer. . . We missed our regulars, Director and Mrs. Joseph Settel, at the services. . . Happy Birthday greetings to Elaine Aibinder, William Ball, Charles Cohen, Max Horowitz, our Matriarch, Regina Margaretten, Harry Verschleiser. . . Happy Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Max Horowitz and to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit. . . Additional donors to the Shmini Atzeres Appeal for Overseas Relief are Mrs. Esther Lacher and Benjamin H. Wiener.

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