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## STATEMENT OF RABBI ISAAC M. LEWIN BEFORE THE U. N. COMMISSION ON PALESTINE

I stand before you in the name of Agudath Israel of the Holy Land and the Agudath Israel World Organization, to present our proposals with regard to the Statute for the City of Jerusalem.

I am now in the West but my heart is in the East, in Eretz-Israel. I have before my eyes the innocent Jews who were murdered in Eretz-Israel and in the streets of Jerusalem. I see my brethren who are besieged in the neighborhood of the "Wailing Wall", the place of greatest religious significance for us since the days when the Temple was destroyed.

You, gentlemen, were appointed by the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations to work out the Constitution of Jerusalem. My first appeal to you — and through you to the United Nations as a whole — is: help us to restore peace and order. This is an "S.O.S." appeal of my brethren in Eretz-Israel. It is already late and we cannot wait longer.

We, the Jewish people, have suffered during the last war more than any other nation of the world. A third of our people was murdered by the Nazis. No crime of this size was ever before committed in world's history. And now one of the friends and followers of Hitler, who during the war walked in his shadow, wants to continue the Nazi policy of extermination of the Jews — this time in the Holy Land and in the Holy City of Jerusalem.

We Palestinians know that there is no reason whatsoever for a war between Jews and Arabs. We want peace and offer our friendship to the Arab people. We wish to work with them together for the benefit of the Land we inhabit.

We Palestinians know that if the common sense of the Arab people had to decide, there would be peace in the Holy Land. Only blood-thirsty instigators are operating to destroy the peace, instigators who are good pupils of Hitler.

We call upon you, the United Nations, to secure the peace in Palestine by an International Police Force.

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## RABBI REICHEL

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## SAMUEL SILVER, CHAIRMAN

We are happy to announce that the Board of Directors has again appointed our Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Silver, to be Chairman of the Seder Committee.

Arrangements for our annual Community Sedorim are now being made. Details regarding place and price will be announced shortly.

## FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

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## MEN'S CLUB MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

### MOTION PICTURES ON PALESTINE

At the next meeting of the Men's Club on Monday night February 16th, at 8:30 P.M., Mr. Samuel Pevsner will show motion pictures which he took during his recent visit to Palestine.

Mr. Pevsner is a member of our Buddy Friedman Post, J.W.V., and the Young People's League. He has been prevailed upon to show these films by popular request.

Bring your friends for an informative and pleasant evening. Refreshments will be served.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Morning Youth Service and Breakfast now meets 9:10. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum will be our hosts this Sunday morning.

... Young people are invited to the Youth Group, which meets Sundays, at 2 o'clock. Ray Yavneh has been elected president and Janet Shlansky, secretary. ... The Young People's League will have Game Night on Sunday, February 15th, at 8 P.M. Young people over 21 are invited.

... February 22nd, Rabbi Reichel will be the guest speaker. ... The Senior Basket Ball team continues to meet regularly on Wednesday evenings in the Gym of P.S. #87 at 7:15 P.M. ... The Social Department has been able to get gym and swimming pool facilities at Seward Park H.S. ... Bachelors and Bobbys are sponsoring a Social on Sunday afternoon, February 15, at 2:30. Refreshments. Admission 25¢. A new club for boys of the ages from 12 to 14 is being organized. See Mr. Weiss, Social Director.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The West Side Ritualarium (Mikvah), at 158 W. 97th Street, is now under new management. The new telephone is MOnument 3-0300.

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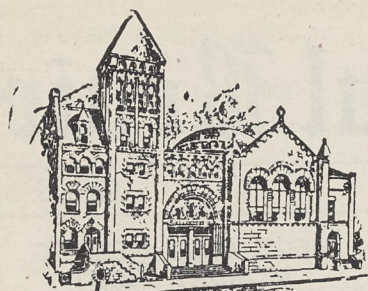
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## NOTES FROM OUR LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

### HEBREW CONVERSATION

One might wonder what can be learned or accomplished in a class termed Hebrew Conversation, where no "Grammar" or text is used.

In our Laymen's Institute class with Miss Ursulla Breuer, this problem is completely solved. Miss Breuer has recently arrived from Palestine and has a wealth of subjects for discussion. Thus in an interesting way we learn our vocabulary and grammar and at the same time we get a feeling for the struggle now on in the Holy Land, and for our brave brethren who are earnestly striving for Jewish freedom.

Each lesson generally is an entity by itself. I therefore would suggest to anyone who has a slight knowledge of Hebrew to come on **Monday evening, at 7:45.** You will surely be inspired and I am certain you will come back for more.

J. G. R.

Other courses offered:

**Tuesday Evening, 8:00**

**Modern Jewish History**

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### 313th COMMANDMENT

To Fast on the Tenth Day of Tishri.

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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If we eat anything on the Day of Atonement, the size of a large date, (about the measure of two olives), we have transgressed the biblical commandment concerning fasting. As a rule, when a measure for eating is given, (as for instance when we make Motzie), we always speak of the measure of the size of an olive, but in regard to Yom Kippur the measure is of a large date, because we are speaking now of fasting, and a person that fasts can not have his mind placated unless he eats something which is as much, at least, as a large date. Therefore, one who is sick, although not dangerously ill, but who feels very sick may eat or drink a little, half

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the measure forbidden many times during the day—namely, for food about the size of an olive and for liquid half a mouthful. However, he should not partake even of this small measure one after the other, but should wait at least the time it would take, to eat three eggs, between eating and eating, or drinking and eating, so that he should not, at any one time, eat or drink the complete biblical measure forbidden on the Day of Atonement. He may eat and drink one after the other, if added together they do not make one measure. The spacing of drinking from one time to the other should be the time it takes to drink a mouthful. However, one who is dangerously ill, may eat because of the order of the doctor, or because of the patient's request to eat. A pregnant woman and one whose color of the face changed because of the fast, may eat on Yom Kippur. It is customary to train girls above the age of eleven and boys above the age of twelve, to fast somewhat on the Day of Atonement.

This commandment prevails at all places and at all times, and he who transgresses it and eats this day food the size of a large date, or drinks a mouthful, has transgressed a biblical commandment involving כרת "Excision".

### RABBI LEWIN'S STATEMENT

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If the United Nations by a majority of more than 2/3 have decided on November 29, 1947, on a solution for Palestine, then this solution is based on the highest authority of the world's conscience. Nobody is entitled to oppose this decision by force and thereby jeopardize the prestige of the United Nations, and endanger the very existence of the organization of the U. N.

We are confident that if the United Nations will show their power in the implementation of the decision of November 29th, it will be a blessing to mankind which anxiously awaits peace and tranquility. On the other hand, if the United Nations will not implement this decision in time, not only will there be bloodshed, but the whole structure of international civilization will be endangered.

We Palestinians request that the Governor appointed by the United Nations shall come to Jerusalem as quickly as possible, and with him a sufficient International Police Force to safeguard peace and security . . .

We must receive the elementary

right to live and settle in Jerusalem. This right is based on many reasons—but primarily, Jewry has a holy religious duty to live in Jerusalem. We request therefore that not only nationals of the Jewish State, but also the residents should be free to enter and settle in Jerusalem, if they so desire. This request is in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly . . .

Gentlemen, I want you to know that the entire Jewish people is in unison with the basic request concerning Eretz-Israel and our rights to the Holy City of Jerusalem.

There are differences of opinion between Jewish organizations on many aspects but there is absolute unity with regard to our basic right to Eretz-Israel and Jerusalem which has been sanctioned by the Almighty.

Divine fate has it that you should fulfill an important mission in determining the future status of Jerusalem. We pray that the Almighty's blessing may guide your actions and you should succeed in spreading the mantle of peace over our city which was, and will always be the symbol of peace in the World.



## AN OPEN LETTER TO HOSPITALS THAT BAN RELIGIOUS CIRCUMCISION

Gentlemen:

According to Jewish Law, Circumcision is an initiatory rite of Judaism, which is so sacred that history records countless incidents wherein Jewish parents jeopardized their lives in order to perform this obligation to their children.

When Circumcision, a religious rite, is not performed in a proper manner by an Orthodox Jew as the law prescribes, the Jewish Commandment recorded in the Bible is being transgressed.

As a spiritual leader of the Jewish faith, I believe that whilst the details involved are not known by the laity, this problem is most vital for the perpetuation of our Religion.

Where hospital regulations do not permit qualified Mohelim, this grave injustice could be corrected by permitting a Jewish Orthodox Doctor to perform the Circumcision according to the Law.

I write this letter in the spirit of the Four Freedoms, whereby all American Institutions should help members of all Faiths worship and serve G-d in their own way.

Very sincerely yours,

RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL

(Editor's note: May we offer a suggestion to our parents in this regard. We advise them before contacting a doctor regarding confinement, to make sure that he is connected with a hospital where Circumcision is permitted according to Jewish Law.)

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:07  
Weekly Portion: Terumah  
Friday Evening Service ..... 5:15  
Friday Evening  
Young People's Study Circle 8:15  
Saturday Morning Service ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:00  
Chazan: Lawrence Rubin  
Speaker: Michael Silberman  
Gabbaim: Joseph Moses and  
Ira Tumpowsky  
Oneg Shabbos  
(Boys and Girls 8-12) ..... 3:30  
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:15  
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:15  
Mincha Service ..... 5:15  
Reader of Torah: David Beier  
Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh  
**The Sabbath Terminates ..... 5:57**  
Sunday Morning Service ..... 6:45 8:45  
Special Young People's  
Service and Breakfast ..... 9:10  
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Mincha ..... 5:20

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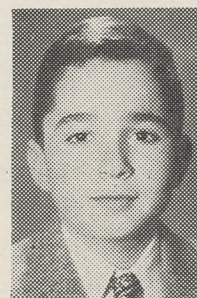
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## BAR MITZVAHS



Stephen Fox



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Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Harry Fox and to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lasdun upon the Bar Mitzvah of their sons in our Synagogue tomorrow.

## GETTING PERSONAL

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Army. . . Glad to see Mrs. Minnie Horowitz in Shul again. . . Thanks to Isak Hazelkorn for his donation of prayer books. . . Off to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Silverstein, as well as Abraham M. Druckman. . . And we leave you with the thought, don't waste your energy telling a hair raising story to a bald headed man. . .

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## GETTING PERSONAL with

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We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Sam Horwitz family on the untimely death of their son, Stewart, killed in an automobile accident in Cleveland. Just to add to all their troubles, another son, Howie, who at present is an assistant producer at RKO, was the victim of a kidnapping, when his daughter, Barrie, was taken from their home this past week. However, the child was returned unharmed. . . . Down in Miami, between the dog races, Jai Alai games, race tracks, and dice games, Shabbos comes too seldom. It was figured out at our hotel, if Shabbos were three times a week instead of once a week, the average vacationer could afford to stay two and a half times longer than they do. . . . How did we do???? Two Daily Doubles, four Quienellas, two terrific nights at the Casino, but over all we lost a few hard earned dollars. . . . Rabbi Goldstein visited our Representative on the United Nations Social and Economic Council, for World Religious Jewry. . . . The former Ass't Editor of this paper, Mordecai Chertoff, was a hero at a recent explosion in Palestine. . . . Celebrating Birthdays this week are: Irving Bellsey (getting old, aren't you?), Rosalyn Diamond, William Jacobs, Al Kirsh, Mortie Langer, Richard Weinstein and Yonina Yavneh. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wald and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Topor are celebrating their wedding anniversary. . . . We saw Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. George Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell, Annie Gross, Jess Gross and a host of others, all from the West Side Institutional Synagogue, and all at the same hotel. Would you call that ole home week???? . . . The returning vacationers this week are: David Kamenman and family are fresh from Lakewood, and Louis Katz, from Sunny (they say) California. . . . That was quite a Kiddush this past Saturday given by Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Bernstein, honoring the birth of their daughter. How about a picture of the little girl for our contest? It must have been a real occasion, for returning to the Synagogue was an old friend, Ira Bernstein, and the rest of the Bernstein Clan. . . . Congratulations to Isidor Greenberg upon his appointment as Secretary to the President of the City Council. . . . Welcome back to Civilian Life to Dr. Jerome Weiss, just discharged from the

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