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II Adar 8, 5708

RABBI REICHEL

will preach tomorrow on

"Fast and Feast"

A DICTIONARY OF PURIM AND ITS OBSERVANCE

ADAR—The twelfth month in the Hebrew calendar, the 14th day of which is Purim. In a leap year, having thirteen months, there are Adar I and Adar II. Purim then occurs in the second Adar.

ESTHER TAANIS—The fast of Esther—on the 13th day of the Hebrew month, Adar, is commemorated today as a reminder of the fast instituted by Esther as a day of prayer that she be successful in her intercession for her people.

GREGGER — (Gregger, Dreyer, Klapper) — The noise-making devices used in the Synagogues during the reading of the Megillah at the mention of Haman's or his sons' names. Through the ages, different methods have been used. The reason for the use of the "gregger," is based upon the command, "Thou shalt wipe out the memory of Amalek" (Deuteronomy 25, 19), or "The name of the wicked shall rot" (Proverbs 10, 7).

HADASSAH — Esther's original name, meaning "myrtle".

HOMON-TASCHEN—A three cornered delectable food, usually made for Purim but which tastes equally good any time of the year. "Mon" (Hebrew for the biblical "manna") in Yiddish means "poppy seeds", which is what the Taschen (in German, "pockets") of the Homon-Taschen are filled with. Get it?

MEGILLAH — The scroll of the Book of Esther, which is read at both the evening and morning Purim services in the Synagogue. The Hebrew word "golul" meaning "to roll", since it is rolled together.

PURIM—The word itself means "lots". Haman, according to an astrologic superstition of his time, "cast lots" so as to discover the most auspicious time at which to carry out his plans. It fell on the 14th of Adar.

SE'UDAH—The Purim Feast is of
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THE FILM, "BIRTHDAY OF A PROPHECY" MONDAY NIGHT AT RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S CLASS

OUR CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM—APRIL 23 and 24

If you plan to join us at the Esplanade Hotel on the Seder Nights, please send in your reservations immediately. The price, which includes all gratuities, is \$9.50 per person, for each night.

WEDDING BELLS



Rita Bellsey

On Tuesday evening, March 23, Rita Bellsey, daughter of our Director and Mrs. Sol Bellsey, will be married to Dr. Eugene Streim, at the Esplanade.

We extend to the young couple our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a long life of wedded bliss.

TALMUD TORAH PURIM FESTIVITIES

Plans are being made for a gala Talmud Torah Purim Assembly to which our parents and members are invited. Kindly reserve Sunday morning, March 21, for this occasion.

There will be an interesting program of Purim plays, songs and masquerades. A special treat for our children is being provided by our Women's League.

Our parents and their children are urged to attend the reading of the Megillah on Purim eve, Wednesday night, March 24, in our Synagogue. "Greggers" will be distributed to all children who attend the reading of the Megillah.

NOTICE TO WAR VETERANS

You are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of our Buddy Friedman Post of the J.W.V. which will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 8:30 P.M. in the Men's Club Room.

We will have the first appearance of the historic film, "Birthday of a Prophecy" at Rabbi Goldstein's Jewish Philosophy Class, this Monday night, March 22nd at 8:40.

The film portrays the role of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and its varied activities in connection with the integration of the immigrants.

The photographs in color, are by Lazar Bunner, Jerusalem. The Picture will be shown by Affiliated Films.

Come early and get a seat.

YESHIVOTH APPEAL

On Shabbos Shekolim our Congregation responded generously to the eloquent and forceful appeals made by Rabbi Goldstein and President Lester Udell for Yeshivos throughout the world. These Institutions of higher Jewish learning are now in desperate need. If you were not present in the Synagogue when the appeal was made, you may send in your contributions just the same. Please make checks payable to W.S.I.S. and mark "for Yeshivos."

The following have already sent in their donations.

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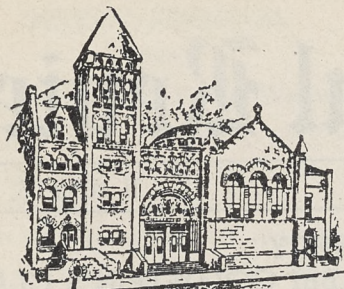
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THE SPIRITUAL ESSENCE OF CORDELL HULL'S MEMOIRS

In the closing chapters of Cordell Hull's Memoirs, we have part of his American spiritual legacy. We trust our readers will be interested in the sound judgment of one of our cautious and wise statesmen. Nazi Germany and Communistic Russia are evidences of what happens as a result of G-dless governments. The United States must still purge itself of its "uncivil" rights to the Negro. Cordell Hull, a Southerner, speaks fearlessly:

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The states should exercise ceaseless vigilance to protect the civil rights of their citizens. The right of all citizens freely to vote should be guarded, and their pathway to the voting booth should not be obstructed."



323rd COMMANDMENT Forbidding Us to Work on Shemini Atzeres.

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
II

Although we stay in the Succah on the eighth day which is Shemini Atzeres, it would appear as if this is a contradiction, since the holiday has a different name, and distinct from Succos. Furthermore, when we enter the Succah on Shemini Atzeres, we do not offer the blessing of

לִישֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה "Blessed be the name of the L—d our G-d who commanded us concerning dwelling in the Succah." Why, then, do we sit in the Succah? It is because of the tradition of the two holidays, making Succos eight, instead of seven days.

Perhaps one might think that we should include Succos in the blessing for the Kiddush on Shemini Atzeres. The answer is, it is impossible for two Festivals to fall on one

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major importance in the Purim celebration. It takes place the night of Adar 14, when one is legally required to do justice to the Homon-Taschen, the kreplach and other minor delicacies. The Purim Se'udah is commonly an occasion for family reunion.

SHABBAT ZACHOR—The Sabbath before Purim, when the reading of the Torah in the Synagogue is Exodus 17:8-16, describing the attack of the Amalekites (predecessors of Haman) upon the Jews. The theme of this special Biblical selection is Zachor, "remember".

SHALACH MONOS—More accurately, Mishloach Monos, the term appearing in the Book of Esther, meaning "the sending of portions"

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt condolence to our member, Edward Fishman, upon the loss of his mother,

SOPHIA FISHMAN

And to our member, Max Harris, upon the loss of his brother,

OTTO HARRIS

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"

and the same day.

We shall now discuss Chol Hamoed, the intervening days between the first and last days of the Festival. We are forbidden according to the Torah, to do certain kinds of work thereon. The prohibition is based upon a number of verses, among them, "These are the Festivals of the L—d," which include the intervening days of the festivals. The Rabbis state, that wherever there is much loss involved, then work is permitted, on Chol Hamoed. The Talmud in Moed Katan says, that "one may water an irrigated field." This is permitted because failure to water the field will cause a great loss. Where it is clearly a loss if one abstained from labor, one is allowed to do any work involved, in the **Usual** way. However, where one can, one should try to make a difference in the manner of the work on Chol Hamoed, as for instance, the tailor should, instead of the usual stitches, use another type. In writing a letter, the form of writing should be different.

Anything made purposely on Chol Hamoed is to be declared by the court as public property. However, if a father purposely had work done on Chol Hamoed and died, the work is not made void, because children are not fined for the sin of their father.

(gifts). The gift itself is referred to as a Shalach Monos. Purim is essentially a "day of thanksgiving" and remembrance. Yet the Jew has always felt that no spirit of gratitude and no sense of joy is complete while others are in need. Hence, the social aspect of this holiday, in form of gifts to the poor, has always been strongly emphasized. The Shalach Monos is also a token of friendship.

SHUSHAN PURIM—The 15th day of Adar, when Purim was celebrated, in the Persian capitol, Shushan, as well as in certain other large, "walled cities." Elsewhere, it was observed on the 14th. The reason for this is, because it took the Jews an additional day to overcome their enemies.

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Friday Evening Service5:50
Friday Evening

Young People's Study Circle8:30

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:00

Chazan: Herman Gold

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls 8-12) 3:30

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class4:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class4:45

Mincha Service5:45

Reader of Torah: Moses Gottlieb

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

Speaker: Arnold Oshrin

The Sabbath Terminates6:37

Morning Services

Sunday6:45, 8:45

Special Young People's

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Mon., Tues., & Fri.6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Wed., Fast of Esther6:30, 7:20, 8:00

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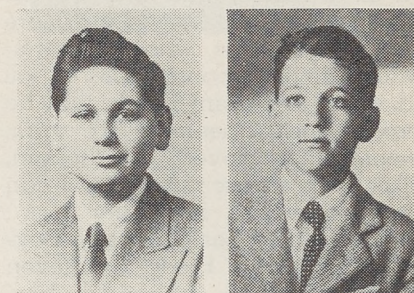
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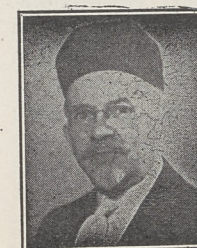
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