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RABBI REICHEL

will preach tomorrow on

"A Modern Approach to Celebrations"

RABBI SAMSON RAPHAEL HIRSCH

One of the outstanding orthodox leaders of modern times was Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch. Born during the very height of the Reform Movement of Judaism in Germany, he lived to become a champion of the orthodox Jewish cause, both by his aggressive action against the reform ideology as well as by his original and profound philosophic and traditional conception of orthodox Judaism. His influence has been so marked on all those who have followed him, that we may consider his advent in modern Jewish history as the beginning of a new epoch for orthodox Judaism.

With the removal of the ghetto walls, Jewish life especially in Germany began to give way to the spirit of unharnessed liberty which was contrary to orthodox traditional teachings. But Israel's loyal sons never forsake their Creator and their people.

Instead of combatting the introduction of European culture, the new spokesmen of traditional Judaism believed that it could be enlisted in the cause of orthodox Judaism. These new defenders had already acquired a modern training in the leading universities of Europe, and were well versed in modern methods of science and research. Instead of finding doubts, this training made them more confident that there was nothing to fear. On the contrary, now the Jew would be able to appreciate more fully the deeper meanings of his own spiritual heritage.

One of these young leaders who waged the war for traditional Judaism was Samson Raphael Hirsch. He attempted to restate the philosophy underlying traditional Judaism as a whole in terms that reckoned with the challenge of modern thought and life.

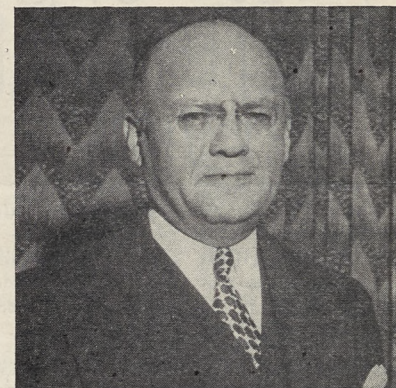
Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch was born June 20, 1808, in the city of Hamburg. His father was a pious

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DATE SET FOR RECEPTION TO SAMUEL W. SIEGEL

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1948

Chairman for Reception Committee
JOSEPH SHAPIRO



Our President, Lester Udell is happy to announce that our director, Joseph Shapiro, has been appointed Chairman of the Reception Committee to honor our 2nd Vice-President, Samuel W. Siegel, on Tuesday evening, June 22, 1948, in our building.

On this occasion, the West Side Institutional Synagogue Souvenir Album of 1948 will be presented to Mr. Siegel.

We look forward to the co-operation of our members and friends in making this affair the most outstanding in the history of our Congregation.

PARENTS

We conduct Sabbath afternoon clubs for boys and girls (8-12) at 3:30—Songs, Stories, Games, Refreshments

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YESHIVA APPEAL

Our Congregation has already responded very enthusiastically to the appeal made for the major Yeshivos all over the world. You may still send in your contribution to our Synagogue. Kindly earmark it, "for Yeshiva Appeal". We received contributions last week from the following:

Charles Bendheim, Siegfried Bendheim, Henry Blankfort, Mrs. Felicia Dym, Max Etra, Mrs. Miriam B. Fasten, Ike Goldman, Simon Halpern, Samuel Joseph, David Karmann, Irving Kobrin, Mrs. Jeanette Percy, Mrs. Ella Sagalowicz, Samuel Silver, Harry Verschleiser, Aaron Wartels, Morris J. Weinstein, Philip Wohl.

OUR CONGREGATION REMEMBERS GRENOBLE

We are happy to say that we have again helped our adopted community in Grenoble, France by shipping to them 2,500 pounds of matzo and matzo meal for the coming Passover Holidays, and have spent more than \$500 for this purpose. It is our way of observing Passover with our brethren abroad.

FOUR WEEKS MORE

If you plan to observe the Passover Sedorim conducted by our Congregation at the Esplanade Hotel, kindly make your reservations at once. The price is \$9.50 per person per evening, including all gratuities.

MRS. MAURICE GREENSTEIN HOSTESS WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

On Monday afternoon, March 29th, our President, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, will be hostess to our Women's League at its regular Board Meeting which will be held at her home, 365 West End Avenue.

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

All the members of the Board are urged to attend, as important matters are to be presented for their consideration.

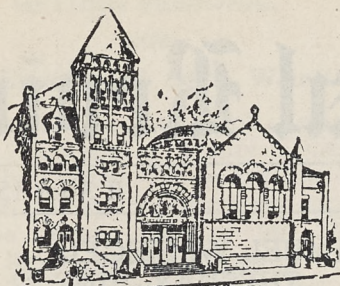
W.S.I.S. YOUTH CELEBRATE PURIM

The W.S.I.S. Social Department invites the W.S.I.S. youth to its Purim Party next Sunday, March 28th, at 8 P.M. Lots of Fun, Free Masks, Greggers, and Refreshments. Bring your friends.

CONDOLENCE

Our sincerest sympathy to our Director, Morris Levinson, and his family upon the passing of
MINNIE LEVINSON.

She was a sincere and generous friend of our institution, and a faithful, loyal, and devoted member of the Executive Board of our Women's League.



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From Our Rabbi's Mail Box

Dear Rabbi:

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch has been the mainstay of Torah-loyalty and true faith in the last hundred years in Western Europe and America.

The translation of Rabbi Hirsch's works into English . . . would enable our youth to strike deep roots in Judaism, and thus to feel at home in the world surrounding and facing us. . . .

The Samson Raphael Hirsch Society plans to translate his literary inheritance into readable English, and to spread it among college students and others in English speaking countries. We are also planning to issue a semi-annual publication to be distributed among the members. . . . Kindly spread the news of the aims of our Society among your friends and the members of your Congregation and call upon them to join the Society.

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With Torah Greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

The Executive Committee

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324th COMMANDMENT

Concerning the Lulav

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I

We are commanded in Leviticus, Chapter 23, verse 40, "And ye shall take on the first day (of Succos) the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook, and ye shall rejoice before the L—d your G-d seven days." "The fruits of goodly trees" refers to the "esrog." Branches of the palm trees refer to the "lulav". The fact that כפת is without the "vov", shows that it is in the singular, therefore, one, but not two or three lulavim, is taken. And "boughs of thick trees" refers to the "myrtle", and the "willows of the brook" refers to the "willow". The purpose of this commandment is as I have often explained before,

to have our actions influence our thoughts. Our actions, as a rule stir our emotions and our zeal. One of the differences between Christianity and Judaism is that the former speaks chiefly of thoughts and the latter of actions. It is one thing to have good thoughts, it is another and more difficult, to have good actions. It was Paul who changed his Jewish name from Saul of Tarsish to the Greek sounding one "Paul". He was the first to bring on Christianity. The founder of Christianity said, "I come not to break the Law but to fulfill it." It has well been said that Christianity is more Paul's work than that of its founder. Some would rather call Christianity —Paulinism.

The Holy One blessed be He wanted to purify Israel, therefore, he gave them many commandments so that their bodies and souls might be busy continuously in constant communication with G-d. Take, for instance, the phylacteries that are placed on the mind and near the heart, to bind mind and heart to the service of G-d.

The reason for taking the lulav and the three other plants together, is to remind us of the harvest, and the thanksgiving we owe the Almighty. Thus we convert a material joy into a spiritual one.

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

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merchant, and his grandfather was Rabbi Mendel Frankfurt. His parents had destined him for a commercial career, but inspired by the influence of his rabbis as well as his studies, he finally resolved to choose the rabbinate as his life's task.

His epoch-making work, "The Nineteen Letters on Judaism of Ben Uziel," appeared in 1836, when he was only twenty-eight. Although he wrote it anonymously, this book made a profound impression in German-Jewish circles because it presented something new. It was a brilliant, intellectual, presentation of orthodox Judaism in a fearless, uncompromising defense of all its institutions and ordinances. Within a short time his fame spread. Not even his bitterest opponents doubted Hirsch's sincerity and the intense warmth of his religious nature. And in his later years, he claimed that he had nothing to revise in this work.

In 1838 Hirsch published his "Choreb," which is a textbook on Judaism for the educated youth of Israel. Each law, ceremonial, ethical, or devotional, is thoroughly explained ac-

cording to the principles laid down by him in his first work.

In 1851 he did the most heroic deed of his life; a deed which demonstrated most unmistakably that Judaism and truth only, not worldly glory or reward, were his life's single purpose. At that time, Frankfort-am-Main was practically entirely in the hands of the deformed. In fact, the council of that city had even forbidden the teaching of the Bible and the Talmud in the original. It seemed that the council had extinguished the last spark of observant Judaism in Frankfort. But eleven sincere men of that city timidly and hesitatingly sent a request to the Chief Rabbi of Moravia and Silesia, to be their guide and to help them. And strangely enough, he accepted! Within a short time he accomplished wonders. Rabbi Hirsch reorganized the religious life of his community and founded two schools in which both Jewish and secular studies were taught—the forerunners of the American Yeshiva.

He was undoubtedly one of the most inspired and inspiring leaders in the House of Israel's Hall of Fame.

O. A. R.

TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Jay Harold Ball

Our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Ball upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son in our Synagogue.

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Light Candles Friday Evening	5:54
Weekly Portion Tsav	
Friday Evening Service	5:55
Friday Evening Young People's	
Study Circle	8:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Chazan: Bruno Wassertheil	
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls 8-12)	3:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	4:55
Mr. Isaac Allan's Talmud Class	4:55
Mincha Service	5:50
Reader of Torah: David J. Beier	
Reader of Service: Judah Gottlieb	
The Sabbath Terminates	6:44
Sunday Morning Service	6:45, 8:45
Special Young People's	
Service and Breakfast	9:10
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:50

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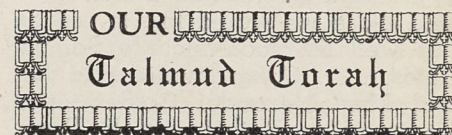
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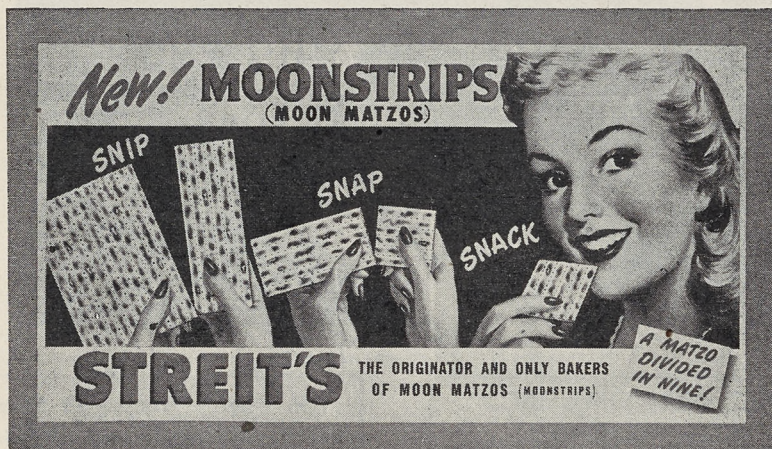
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GETTING PERSONAL

with

Hank Epstein and Eddie Weinstein

Much to our regret, this column will in all probability be our last, for the time being anyhow. Because of business commitments, which will keep us very much on the go, in and out of New York, for the next couple of months, we cannot devote enough time in making this column what we would like it to be. . . . Would like to welcome back from Europe Alex Pruzan, who said that one of the things he missed most over there was our Sunday Morning Youth Breakfast. . . . Our welcoming committee extends its hand also to Louis Katz, Leopold Hirsch, Sol and Belle Redlich, all back from Florida. . . . And Florida bound are Sam Siegel and Deborah. . . . On our well list again and back at their proper places in Shul were Aaron Wartels and Max Sanders, Jack Spero and Mrs. Louis Davis. . . . And those we would like to see on our well list soon include Samuel Davis. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Golden upon the marriage of their son, H. Donn, to Elinor Stein. . . . Overheard this from two men walking out of Shul this past Saturday, who evidently hadn't seen each other in some time. . . . "Is your wife as pretty as she used to be?" asked one. "Oh yes," replied the other, "but it takes her quite a bit longer." . . . Rabbi Hillel Medalie of Leeds, England, visited our Synagogue. . . . Happy Birthday greetings: Mrs. Henry Blankfort, Samuel Blumberg, Eleanor S. Goldman, Robert Kirsh, Renee Mirken, and Jack Verschleiser; and Happy Anniversary greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Breger, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Messing and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum upon the engagement of their daughter, Sylvia, to Leon Korngold, of Philadelphia. . . . Haven't seen Aaron Gross in Shul the past three weeks, sure missed him. . . . All the women of the Congregation and their friends are urged to make their U.J.A. Contribution through our Women's League. . . . Thanks to Mrs. Sanford Solarz who was in charge of the Women's League Purim treat at the T.T. assembly. . . . This week's hosts at the Sunday Morning Youth Service and Breakfast will be Mr. and Mrs. Harry Verschleiser. . . . And this week we leave you with the thought: Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night. . . .

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