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LESTER UDELL ORCHARD IN KIBBUTZ CHOFETZ CHAYIM DEDICATED BY RABBI GOLDSTEIN IN ISRAEL



Jerusalem, Israel ב'ה
18 Menachem Ab 5709
August 15, 1949

To my beloved Concreants,

When I get back to the United States, please G-d, I shall be happy to share with you some of the many interesting experiences I have had, during my trip to the Holy Land.

To-day I shall endeavor to give you a brief description of the setting, which forms the background, of the Lester Udell Forest.

On a vast stretch of land, in the Kibbutz Chofetz Chayim, near Rechovot, where Chayim Weizmann, president of Medinat-Israel, lives, the American Religious Palestine Fund has dedicated a forest, as a most deserved tribute, to Lester Udell, president of the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

As I let fall the hammer, upon the sign, in the above picture, thus helping to fasten it firmly into the ground, I felt that the spirit of our Synagogue was taking root in the land of Israel.

We now have a very concrete
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CLASSES START THIS MONDAY IN TALMUD TORAH AND DAILY AFTERNOON KINDERGARTEN Register Your Children Now

Several innovations have been made in our Talmud Torah for the coming season which should be of special interest to our Congregational Family.

A number of classes will no longer meet on Sunday mornings. Instead, pupils will attend classes on Saturday afternoons. The Sabbath program will be combined with an atmosphere in which our pupils will experience and enjoy the Sabbath spirit.

In addition, a departmental system is being introduced in many of the classes. Thus the pupils may enjoy meeting several teachers in the course of their studies.

Rabbi Reichel, who has instituted these changes, will be glad to meet prospective pupils and their parents to help plan their particular programs.

Classes begin this Monday, September 12. NOW is the time to start the new year right!

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Our readers may extend New Year Greetings to their friends in the Congregation through our Review. All greetings will appear in the special Rosh Hashonah Issue. There will be a nominal charge of \$2.00. Please notify us on the following form by Sept. 16, 1949, in order to insure publication.

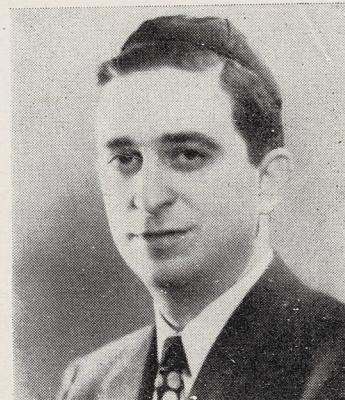
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NEW W.S.I.S. CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DIRECTOR



Rabbi Joseph J. Preil

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Joseph J. Preil has been engaged to head the Cultural & Youth Activities of our Synagogue for the coming year. He comes to us highly recommended and with extensive youth experience to his credit. Last year he served as the spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Cincinnati.

Rabbi Preil was ordained at the Mesifita Torah Vodaath, and graduated from Brooklyn College, magna cum laude. He is a member of the Propylae Honor Society, and a candidate for the Master's Degree at Columbia University.

Rabbi Preil is anxious to organize the young people in the community. He may be contacted in the Social Department office Sunday to Wednesday nights from 8 to 10, and this Sunday morning from 11 to 1.



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WELCOME HOME

Universally speaking, everyone enjoys a vacation. It does not matter whether one is "away" for a day or an entire summer, as long as it was possible to experience some breathing spells from the routine duties and labors and enjoy those rare moments of blissful relaxation.

It is our hope and prayer that in the course of the summer days, the adage, "absence makes the heart grow fonder," found its way into each and every one of our members and congregants.

For those who possess an innate feeling of belonging and an urge of personal responsibility to the House of Israel, this is the time—as the Jewish new year unfolds—to make regular Synagogue attendance a fashionable habit; to join one or more of the varied adult groups in the study of our Jewish heritage, as a worthwhile spiritual investment; and to become active in the Synagogue family at home and in G-d's vineyard in the Jewish Community.

Welcome back to your home—and back to God's home!—O.A.R.



"AS
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363rd OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

Not to Defile the Camps
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Any unclean person was forbidden to enter the Sanctuary proper. Namely, from the gate of the Nicanor onwards, for it is written in Numbers, Chapter 5, verse 3, "They shall not defile their camp, in the midst whereof I dwell," namely, in the Camp of the "Schechinah."

The Rabbis in the Tannaitic Midrash, the Sifri, say that not only was there a general willingness on the part of those who were to do the sending, but even those who were to be sent out, acquiesced. We have the expression for the command, repeated thus (1) ויעשו כן "And they (the children of Israel) did so," and (2) כן עשו "and so they did." One refers to the Israelites through the Beth Din, and the other refers to the lepers.

Here we have the negative com-

mandment concerning the ritual uncleanness as it relates to the Sanctuary, and the punishment involved, as we read, in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 19, verse 13, "Whosoever touches the dead even the body of any man who is dead and purifieth not himself, he hath defiled the tabernacle of the Lord—that soul shall be cut off from Israel." The law is, that punishment is never meted out to one who breaks a negative commandment, without a previous warning, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 14, verse 31, "And ye shall warn the children of Israel about their uncleanness."

We have previously given the reason behind this commandment, namely, that it is improper whilst one is ritually unclean to enter into the Holy Temple, because, then, one's mind and whole being is not up to par.

This commandment pertains to male and female, and refers even to the present time. Today, if one enters the place upon which the Holy Temple stood, he is punished by Heaven. The holiness of the place remains even though the Temple itself has been destroyed, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 26, verse 31, "And I will bring your sanctuaries into desolation." The Rabbis say in the Talmud,

קדושתם אפילו כשהו שוממין
"Their holiness is retained although they are in a state of destruction."

A LETTER FROM OUR RABBI

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point of contact with the Kibbutz—an agricultural, co-operative settlement—and every tree which our members or their friends purchased in this Forest, makes them participants (even though in absentia) in the noble experiment which is being developed here.

Kibbutz Chofetz Chayim is composed almost entirely of couples, in the prime of life, most of them having young children. They are carrying out the precepts laid down in the Bible, with the application of the most modern and scientific agricultural methods. Ninety-five cows, four thousand chickens, acres and acres of vegetable gardens and fruit trees, besides living quarters, cooking, washing, and the physical well-being and education of the children, are all taken care of on a co-operative basis. Every individual does his part for the well-being of the entire community. The Chaverim and Chaverot are assigned their daily tasks in accordance with their abilities and physical endurance.

Personal aggrandizement plays no part in a settlement of this kind. The growth and development of the Kibbutz which, at the same time, helps the upbuilding of the Land of Israel, is the sole motivating force.

I look forward with pleasurable anticipation to seeing you all shortly.

As always,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

HEBREW TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Dr. Marcus Elias, Dean of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls, announces that the fall term begins this Monday, September 12. The Hebrew Department has been expanded for the coming semester both in the elementary and advanced divisions.

Some of the School's courses are given in the West Side Institutional Synagogue. Registration takes place at the W.S.I.S. from Monday through Thursday between 4 P.M. and 6 P.M.

CONDOLENCES

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Harris Allen
Max Baizman
Eugene Bergman
Louis Feldman
Seymour Freides
Sussel Geldzahler
Jacob Greenwald
Abraham Isaacs
Arthur Perutz
Benjamin Pretner
Sarah Siegel
Jennie Wexler

May the Almighty comfort them among the mourners of Zion.

Our heartfelt condolences to our Director, Edward Jacobs, upon the loss of his wife.

Lillyan Jacobs

Shiva will be observed at her late residence, 90 Riverside Drive.

HIGH SCHOOL AND EXTENSION CLASSES

For the benefit of High School boys and girls who would like to continue their studies part time in our Extension Department, sessions will be conducted one late afternoon and Sunday mornings.

For information please contact Rabbi Reichel.

CALLING ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Arrangements have been made with the City's Board of Education whereby W.S.I.S. youth groups have been granted permission to use the gym of the High School of Commerce on Tuesday nights. The High School of Commerce is located at 155 West 65 Street. All those who are interested in joining any of the youth groups should contact Rabbi Preil.

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Mr. Isaac Allan's Talmud Class 6:00

Mincha Service 7:00

The Sabbath Terminates 7:54

Sunday Morning Services 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 7:00

TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH

Eugene Tashoff

Congratulations to the parents of Burton Black and Eugene Tashoff, whose Bar Mitzvahs will be celebrated tomorrow.

**YESHIVA CHOFETZ CHAIM
TO HONOR MRS. ANNA GROSS**

Mrs. Anna Gross will be honored at a Testimonial Dinner by the Women's Auxiliary of the Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim, at the Hotel Piccadilly on Sunday evening, September 18. Our own Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and the Hon. Lazarus Joseph, City Controller, will be the guest speakers. A full evening of entertainment has also been prepared. Reservations may be made by calling EN. 2-1691.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Boachem leshalom to our beloved Rabbi and Rebbetzin, who have returned from Israel this week. Their daughter, Naomi, is remaining in the Holy Land and is studying at the Hebrew University. Our best wishes to her . . . And on the subject of Israel, we welcome home Marshall Gertner, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Herlands, Rabbi Samuel Hurwitz, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Richman and Sen. and Mrs. Albert Wald. . . . Good to welcome back Debbie Siegel from her trip to Europe. . . . Our prayerful good wishes go to Mr. Julius Bayer for a refua shalem. . . . Good News Department: Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein upon the engagement of their son, Dr. Jerome J., to Rhoda M. Sokol. . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross upon the birth of a daughter (the stork just missed being on time for the final issue of last year's **Review**.) Mazel Tov also to the beaming grandmother, Mrs. Annie Gross. . . . Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tauber upon the birth of a daughter. . . . Our best wishes to Susan M. Cohen, Donald Dixon, Edward Klagsbrun, Lee Langer, Arthur and Maxine Udell upon their graduations last spring. . . . Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Kamerman, who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. . . . We wish Mrs. Saul Whitcup a speedy recovery. . . . Happy Birthday to Mrs. Bertha Allen, Morris Aronoff, Mrs. Geraldine Arsham, Irving Blatt, Jacob Caminez, Marlene Ellen Dattlebaum, Benjamin Ehrenfeld, Joel J. Goldman, Myron Goldman, Samuel Greenman, Mrs. Herman B. Gross, Lawrence Kobrin, Dr. Herman Mintz, Marilyn Rubenstein, Sue Blima Stein, Mrs. Ida Weinstein, Susie Weinstein, Nancy J. Weiss. . . . Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Selig Edelman, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Schraub, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Trotsky, Mr. and Mrs. Max Stokar, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wiggs. . . . Flash! Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Udell are the proud parents of another daughter. Congrats to them and to the happy grandparents, our President and Mrs. Lester Udell and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Frankel. . . . Mazel Tov to our Director and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum upon the birth of another grandson. Congrats also to the happy parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ostrove. . . . Please keep us informed of all happy events. . . .

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