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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, Thursday,
May 26, 1949.

Though our ship, the **Negbah**, sailed into the Haifa harbor at 6 A.M. yesterday, May 25, we could not disembark till about 10 A.M. due to certain port technicalities.

After having lunch in Haifa, we started by automobile for Jerusalem. The entire road which we traversed from 2 to 8 o'clock in the evening, was strewn with vivid evidences of the awful war of last year.

It is cheering to see the wonderful degree to which the land has been cultivated. Countless fields of vast vegetable gardens, as far as the eye could see, rapidly ripening orange groves, each one containing hundreds of trees, literally laden down with oranges.

We stopped at Tel Aviv to change autos, and while we were waiting, we sat down at a table at one of the sidewalk cafes—just like those in Paris—to have a drink. It was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and practically all the tables were taken. Men and women—all cheerful, all lively, gave the impression that they did not have a care in the world. The streets, too, of Rothschild Boulevard—an avenue as wide as Broadway, with an island of trees and benches, in the middle—were full of people, either walking along or sitting on the benches.

Monday, May 30, 1949.

At 8:45—an advanced hour of the morning—according to Israel's standards—some one sent a car for us to take us sightseeing to Tel Aviv. Leaving Jerusalem, as we looked around, we saw nothing but mountains on all sides of us. We passed a place called Kastel, where only one house was left from a whole village. The rest had been wiped out during the recent war and all that was visible was heaps of stones.

Our car was stopped at each town, as is now a prevalent custom here, to investigate if food is being smuggled in or out, for black market purposes.

Every so often we passed a big
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

**Mrs. David Kamerman Gives
Welcome Home Luncheon For
Our Beloved Rebetzin**

October 10th, Open Meeting

Last Monday afternoon, Mrs. David Kamerman, most graciously and lavishly entertained the entire Women's League Executive Board at a Dessert Luncheon, at her home, in honor of our beloved Rebetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, who has just returned from a trip to Israel. At a Board Meeting which followed the Luncheon, it was decided to hold the Opening Membership Meeting of the Season in our beautiful Succah on Monday afternoon, October 10th.

All the women of the Congregation and their friends are cordially invited to come and have coffee and cake with us at 12:30 that day, and then to stay on, and enjoy the afternoon's program which will include, among other things, the installation of the Women's League Officers for the ensuing year.

HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH SERVICES

will be held in the
Council Room

See Prayer Schedule on Page 5 for time

ROSH HASHANAH NOTES . . .

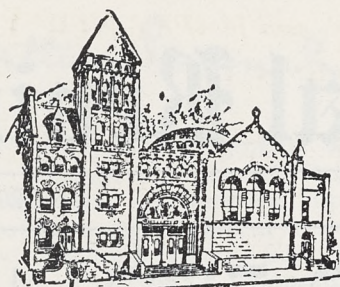
NEW YEAR GREETINGS — The traditional greeting observed throughout the Jewish world is — "L'shanah tova tikasevu" — May you be worthy to be inscribed in the Book of Life.

APPLE AND BREAD DIPPED IN HONEY — After the Ha-motzi, a slice of bread and apple are dipped in honey to express the wish for a good and sweet year.

TASHLICH — On the first day of Rosh Hashanah (this year on the second day, since the first day is the Sabbath), it is customary to walk after the Mincha service, in the afternoon, along the banks of a flowing body of water and recite prayers for forgiveness of sins.

ASERES Y'MAI T'SHUVA (TEN DAYS OF PENITENCE) — The first ten days of Tishri, from the first day of Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. It is during these days that man's fate is decided, and finally on Yom Kippur it is sealed within the Book of Life.

TZOM GEDALIA — The day after Rosh Hashanah is observed as a Fast Day known as the Fast of Gedaliah, commemorating the murder of Gedaliah, the last Jewish Governor of Jerusalem after the destruction of the First Temple.



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THE SHOFAR

Although Rabbenu Saadiah Gaon, one of the greatest and most learned of the Babylonian Gaonim, listed some ten reasons for the sounding of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah, let us examine only one of the reasons.

The Shofar recalls the story of the **Akedah**, (Binding of Isaac). When we hear the Shofar, we can visualize the picture of the ram caught in the thicket by his horns. This was the ram which Abraham subsequently offered up to G-d as a sacrifice instead of his beloved son, Isaac.

This incident reveals to us the ideal relationship between G-d and man and between man and G-d. When Abraham was commanded by the L-d to sacrifice Isaac, he was prepared to give up his most precious possession. But the All-Loving One merely desired to test Abraham's devotion and to make him a better person as a result of the test. He definitely would not permit a human sacrifice.

May the Shofar rekindle once again, in the hearts of all the sons of Abraham, that preparedness for sacrifice for G-d's Law which has made the Jew both invincible and eternal.

J. J. P.



364th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

Concerning Confession of the Sin By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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The purpose of the commandment is that man not only confesses his sin, but that there is a G-d above him who punishes or forgives and, therefore, the individual is to make up his mind **not** to repeat his sin, as it is written, "The wicked shall forsake his way and the sinful man his thoughts." Today, when we do not have the sacrifices nor the offering of the Scapegoat on the Day of Atonement, repentance is our only means of forgiveness. No matter how much a man may have sinned, if he returns and mends his ways, he is forgiven, for it is written in Ezekiel, Chapter 33 verse 12, "As for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby on the day that he turneth from his wickedness." This refers, of course, only to the sins between man and G-d. But, as for the sins between man and

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his neighbor, no amount of prayer and confession and repentance avails, until he returns to his neighbor what he has taken from him, or makes good for any wrong that he did, and receives forgiveness from his neighbor. However, if his neighbor does not want to forgive him, then the person who has sinned should appear before him with three people, but no more than three times, to ask forgiveness. Nevertheless, if one has sinned against his teacher, he must try to have him forgive him, and make every effort, as many times as are necessary, to receive atonement. There are some sins that are not forgiven. Among them is the sin of one who makes others sin, and the suicide, etc. He has no future world. He can not say "Vidui" for his sin. The others may be found in the Tosefta and in the last chapter of the Talmud Yomah, and in Maimonides, Laws of Repentance, Chapter 1.

This commandment prevails at all places, and at all times, and refers to males and females alike. One who trespasses this commandment and does not confess his sin on the Day of Atonement, which is the day set aside for forgiveness and atonement, has transgressed a positive commandment. Woe to the man who dies without confession, for then he carries away with him his sin.

G-d forgives us for all our sins, if our confession is sincere, namely, if it is accompanied by true amendment.

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sign, in Hebrew of course, with a picture of a skeleton and the words: DRIVER—DON'T HURRY TO DIE ON THE WAY—DRIVE CAREFULLY.

Passed colony named for Morgen-thau, Tehl Shachar, — "Morning Dew"; Ekron — one of the earliest colonies established by Baron Rothschild; Rechovot — where President Weizmann lives; Nes Zionia — one side of the main street was Arab and one side Jewish. The Arabs all ran away at the beginning of the war. Rishon Le Zion—famous for its wine industry; Mikveh Israel—first agricultural school in Palestine. Then we came to Jaffa. A fourth generation Palestinian young man, who had been sent to act as our guide, said that he gets a thrill every time he goes through Jaffa — to think that a city formerly having 80,000 Arabs is now practically completely Jewish.

(To Be Continued)

EXTENSION CLASSES FOR POST TALMUD TORAH BOYS and GIRLS

For boys and girls whose school program in Junior High School and High School conflict with our Talmud Torah sessions, we have organized Extension Classes for one afternoon.

For girls, the Extension Class will meet with Rabbi Preil on Tuesday afternoons from 5:15 to 6:15. For boys of post Bar-Mitzvah age, there will be a special session on Saturday afternoons at 2:30, conducted by Mr. Eric Rothschild.

In addition to these sessions, the boys and girls will participate in a joint Youth Service and Breakfast on Sunday mornings which will be followed by a forum under the leadership of our Rabbis.

Parents are strongly urged to bring this program to the attention of their young people and to register them with Rabbi Reichel as soon as possible.

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2. In cooperation with the Talmud Torah, the Youth Department has instituted an Arts and Crafts program. Miss Ruth Kranz will lead this activity on Monday and Wednesday afternoons between 3:10 and 4:20.

3. The Maccabbees held their first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 18. An ambitious program for the coming year was planned. Boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 17 are invited to join.

4. Mr. Jack Tomor has been engaged as our game-room director. He has arranged a series of tournaments. Trophies will be awarded to W.S.I.S. champions. All those who are interested in entering any of the tournaments should contact Mr. Tomor in the game-room. The game-room is now open evenings between 8 and 10 and on Sunday afternoons between 2 and 4.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Yom Kippur, Monday, Oct. 3rd, Yizkor services will be recited at our Synagogue. If you wish to have Special Memorial Prayers recited for your dear ones, please fill out the form below and mail to us.

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On Saturday afternoons, after classes, refreshments are served to the pupils following an Oneg Shabbos consisting of games and songs, conducted in an inspiring atmosphere.

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Friday Evening Service	6:15
Friday Evening Youth Congregation	6:15
Saturday Morning Services	7:45
Youth Congregation	8:15
Junior Congregation	10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	5:15
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class	5:15
Mincha	6:15
Sunday Morning	7:45
Youth Congregation	8:15
Junior Congregation	10:30
Mincha followed by Tashlich	3:45
Monday, Fast of Gedaliah,	
Selichos	6:15, 8:05
Monday Morning	6:45, 7:20, 8:30
Monday Mincha	5:15

Daily Services:

(Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.)

Selichos	6:20, 8:05
Mornings	6:45, 7:20, 8:30
Mincha	5:30

Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

**CHUG IVRI TO MEET
THIS MONDAY NIGHT**

A Hebrew Speaking Group (Chug Ivri) will meet weekly in our Building, beginning with this Monday night, Sept. 26, at 8 o'clock in Room 2, under the leadership of Miss Chana Chanaleles.

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We are happy to announce that for the convenience of our members, arrangements can be made for meals during the Succos Holidays in our beautiful Succah.

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ROSH HASHANAH

**CORDIAL NEW YEAR
GREETINGS**

As the Jewish people usher in a New Year, we are happy to greet our many friends. We hope that 5710 will bring blessings of Peace and Prosperity, Good Health and Good Cheer to the Jewish people all over the world.

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Mr. Moe Oltarsh, outgoing President of the Men's Club, will be honored on **Monday evening, October 24th**. Mr. Max Lazarus, incoming President, asks all our members and friends to keep this evening open. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Tillie Lewton upon her engagement to David Tilewick. We have never forgotten Tillie's active spirit in our Talmud Torah and G.O. . . . **Welcome home** to our Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silver, from their trip abroad; to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum from their visit to Israel and Europe; and to Abraham Krumbein upon his return from Israel. He is treasurer of the U.P.A. . . . Best wishes for a **Refuah Shlemah** to Mrs. Jack Zagor (nee Ida Blankfort). . . . Heartiest **congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Glazer upon the birth of a son. . . . **Happy Birthday** to Mr. Julius Bayer, Judith Bernstein, Mr. Hyman Druker, Mrs. Morris Edelson, Mrs. May Feldman, Etta T. Gertz, Ellen May Greenfield, George Samuel Greenstein, Mrs. Jess Gross, and to our President, Lester Udell. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiedler and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herring. . . . Our office staff is taking the right step for the New Year. Our **best wishes** to Miss Elaine Gross upon her engagement to Mr. Stanley Bookman and to Miss Edna Bauman upon her engagement to Dr. Nathan H. Muchnick. . . . **Good luck** to Rhea Plottel upon entering Barnard College. . . . May we take this means of wishing all our members and friends a **Happy and Blessed New Year**. . . .

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE
FIRST GET-TOGETHER

on Sunday Night, October 9th

All young married couples in the Congregational family are cordially invited to the opening meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. League which will take place in the Synagogue Succah on Sunday night, October 9th, at 8:15 o'clock.

The Mr. and Mrs. League, which was organized last year, has succeeded in bringing together a very fine and representative group of our young married couples. The group met once a month and sponsored a series of pleasant Sunday evenings for social and cultural programs. This year the Mr. and Mrs. League looks forward to the participation of many more young couples of our Congregational family.

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