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CHIEF RABBI HERZOG PROTESTS PROPOSED INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

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HIS EMINENCE CHIEF RABBI HERZOG ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HIS BEHALF QUOTE ACCEPTANCE PLAN INTERNATIONALIZATION JERUSALEM USA GOVERNMENT AND UN ASSEMBLY WOULD BE MORTAL BLOW ISRAEL AND JUDAISM STOP HISTORICAL TASK DEFENDING ETERNAL MOTHER CITY OF ENTIRE HOUSE OF ISRAEL HAS NOW DEVOLVED ON AMERICAN JEWRY STOP PROPOSE ISAIAH'S CHALLENGING MESSAGE QUOTE FOR JERUSALEM SAKE SHALL NOT HOLD MY PEACE UNQUOTE THE CHIEF RABBI WISHES ME TO EXPRESS HIS SINCERE THANKS FOR PAST ACTIVITIES . . . AND CONFIDENT YOUR FURTHER ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DEFENSE JEWISH INTERESTS IN JERUSALEM

RESPECTFULLY

ELIAHU ELATH
AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL

In an all-out effort to avert any such calamity as the internationalization of Jerusalem, you are urged to send a telegram of protest to President Harry S. Truman, White House, Washington, D. C., immediately!!!

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

(Continued from last week)

Kiriyah—the Washington of Israel. This is the Israeli seat of government. Different departments have separate buildings, like Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Health, etc.

Paid a short visit at the office of Rabbi Itche Maier Levine, of Agudath Israel, the Cabinet Minister of Welfare.

Went on to Petach Tikvah and enroute we saw factories of chocolate, silk, and diamonds. Petach Tikvah is a predominantly religious community. The Sabbath is observed there 100% publicly. What people do in their private homes, one doesn't know.

Stopped at a Nursery and Day School conducted by the Neshay Agudah. 85 children are in the Kindergarten, and 150 in the school. Next stop newly established KE-VU-TZAH called KOH-ME-MIE-YOT, outside of Rishon Le T'Zion.

By the time we left "KOH-ME-MIE YOT," it was already 5 o'clock and we started back for Jerusalem, which was approximately a 2 hour ride. Due to the fact that the main road is still in Arab hands, Israeli have

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CONGRATULATIONS



Betty Sanders

Mazel tov to our former Vice-President and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, as well as to our Director and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum, upon the forthcoming marriage of their children Betty and David. Our best wishes to the young couple.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The first regular meeting of the Men's Club for the 1949-1950 season will be held on Monday, October 10, at 8:30 P.M. sharp, in our Club Room.

The members are asked to make every effort to attend because the program of activities for the Moe Oltarsh Night on October 24, will be acted upon.

Refreshments will be served.

KOL NIDRE SUNDAY, 5:15 P.M.



Cantor Zalmon Yavneh

YOM KIPPUR NOTES . . .

As the Cantor chants the beautiful **Kol Nidre** prayer, on Sunday evening, we leave the world of mundane affairs and begin that day which is dominated by the holy Yom Kippur mood.

THE FAST—Fasting, according to Jewish philosophy, means much more than merely abstaining from food or drink for approximately twenty-five hours. It should inspire us to improve ourselves in the eyes of G-d. In the Yom Kippur morning Haftorah, the Prophet Isaiah says that the purpose of the fast is "to loose the fetters of wickedness . . . (and) to deal thy bread to the hungry."

Fasting on Yom Kippur begins with sundown before it is really dark, and lasts until the stars appear on the following day. In addition to fasting, the wearing of leather shoes is forbidden.

MAFTIR JONAH—Toward the end of the Yom Hadin (Day of Judgment), we read the Book of Jonah. This reminds us that it is never too late for sincere repentance. We may avert an unfavorable Judgment of G-d just as the doomed residents of Nineveh were saved many centuries ago.

NEILAH—The recitation of Neilah brings to a close the day of fasting and prayer. The ark is opened and, if we are able, it is customary to stand. It is our last opportunity to beseech G-d for forgiveness before the day is over and our fate sealed for the New Year. Yom Kippur is then concluded with the sounding of the Shofar.



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RABBIS TO MEET WITH YOUTH CONGREGATION

Jacob Golden, Chairman, reports that the High Holiday Youth Services were so successful and inspiring, that a special Sholosh Seudos is being arranged for tomorrow (Saturday) at 3:30 o'clock, to discuss its future plans. Rabbis Goldstein and Reichel will be present at the Sholosh Seudos.

The Rosh Hashanah Services were led by Rabbi Preil. Ralph Kestenbaum and Harvey Shapiro were the Baale Mussaf and Shachrith, respectively. Jason Jacobowitz, Lawrence Kobrin, Samuel Ward and Murray Yavneh also participated in the Services and in the reading of the Torah.

Youth Services will be conducted this Saturday morning at 9:15 and Yom Kippur eve and following day. For reservations, please call Rabbi Preil's office.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member

MOE SHERMAN

May the Almighty comfort them.



365th of the 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

The Laws of the Sotah

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The word "Sotah" means that a woman has turned away from the path of marital loyalty to suspected adultery. Thus we read in Numbers, Chapter 4, Verse 12, "If any man's wife go aside and act unfaithfully" Verse 14, "And the spirit of jealousy come upon him . . ." Verse 15, "Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest . . ." Verse 17, "And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take and put it into the water . . ." Verse 19, "And the priest shall cause her to swear, and shall say unto the woman: 'If no man have lain with thee, be thou free from this water of bitterness that causeth the curse' Verse 20, "But if thou hast gone aside, and some man have lain with thee besides thy husband . . ." Verse 21, "Then the priest shall cause the woman to

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swear with the oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman—the L—D make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the L—D doth make thy thigh to fall away, and thy belly to swell;" Verse 22, "And thy thigh to fall away; and the woman shall say, Amen, Amen." Verse 23 "And the priest shall write these curses in a scroll, and he shall blot them out into the water of bitterness." Verse 24, "And he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causeth the curse;" Verse 27, "Then it shall come to pass, if she be defiled, and have acted unfaithfully against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away;" Verse 28, "And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be cleared, and shall conceive seed."

G-d has given us a miraculous sign unknown to the other nations. Through this sign love and peace between man and woman are increased and their children are born through conjugal relationships. Soon after the destruction of the Temple, when Israel sinned grievously, our Rabbis say, "Because of the increase in adultery they stopped giving the bitter waters to the Sotah. Judaism, being a religion of law and precept and not of emotion and sentiment, maintains a very severe attitude against adultery. No other nation can boast of such moral interests."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN'S DIARY

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to use a road which is unusually bumpy. Our guide, who had served in the Haganah for a number of years, kept our minds off this discomfort by telling us of many incidents in the recent war. A troop of the Haganah were shot at by the Arabs. They couldn't move from their position because they were hedged in by a fence of cactuses—which are full of thorns. One of the Haganah boys volunteered to lay down on these cactuses, in spite of what these thorns would do to his body. His body acted as a bridge over which the whole group passed and was thus saved. They picked him up, more dead than alive, and took him with them. He recovered! Talk about heroism and self-sacrifice! It is almost unbelievable. The girls of the Haganah used to accompany the armies and conceal the sten-guns, in their clothes. The British used to search the soldiers, but not the girls of the Haganah! So

much gentlemanliness they had, at least. Our guide told us of one night when he was in a convoy of 150 food trucks which left Tel Aviv at 10 P.M. and didn't get to Jerusalem till 6 the next morning—instead of in about 2½ hours. He said they could not use any lights, lest the Arabs would spy on them, and since one turn to the right or left, at certain points, might pitch their trucks over the mountain side, they went step by step, all the way. But the joy which greeted them when they brought their food to Jerusalem, overbalanced all the nerve strain and mental agony of that awful night.

As we drove up to Jerusalem, about a quarter to eight in the evening, I was impressed all over again with the unique natural layout of the Holy City. Whichever direction you look, you see only hills, with houses on the sides, and all the way up to the top of the hills—these are the Biblical "Hills of Judea."

**New Year Greetings from
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YOUNG FOLKS TO MEET IN SUCCAH

The Young Folks of our Congregation, young men over 21 and young women over 18, are invited to meet their friends in our Succah, on Saturday afternoon, October 8, at 2:30 o'clock. Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel will be on hand to greet the young people.

On Friday night, October 7, at 8:30 o'clock, Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel will have a reunion with the Teen Agers, in our Succah. In addition, Marshall Gertner, of the Collegiates, who was a member of the N.Y.U. Tour to Israel this summer, will give us a first hand impression of his visit.

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Light Candles Friday Evening	5:22
Weekly Portion: Hah-azee-noo	
Friday Evening Service	5:30
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Pilpul	4:45
Mincha Service	5:30
The Sabbath Terminates	6:10

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Sunday Morning Service	
and Selichos	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Sunday Mincha Services	from 2:00 to 3:30
Kol Nidre	5:15
Kol Nidre Youth Service	5:15
Kol Nidre Junior Congregation	5:15
Yom Kippur Morning Service	8:00
Yom Kippur Morning Youth Service	8:30
Yom Kippur Junior Congregation	10:30
Yom Kippur Terminates	6:05
Daily Services following Yom Kippur	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:30

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Welcome Home to Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, who have just returned from California. . . . **Westward bound** is Irving Gardner who is leaving us to study at U.C.L.A. Irving was one of the leading lights in organizing the Youth Services. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Newman have **returned home** from their honeymoon abroad. . . . Also glad to see Felix Bilygrey, **back from Europe** . . . Just in time for the Young Folks Reunion, Felix. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz have dedicated a new building of the Jewish Sanitarium and Hospital for Chronic Diseases to be known as the **Shirley Joyce Katz Pavilion**, in memory of their 16 year old daughter. Mr. Katz, who cut the dedication ribbon, is a director of the hospital. . . . We wish a **speedy recovery** to Arnold Sabsevit. . . . **Happy Birthday** Greetings to Noel Aronovici, Mrs. Jacob Bayer, Mrs. Julius Bayer, Dr. David Beilock, Mrs. Maurice Finkelstein, Sylvia Jacoby, Jacques Pierot, Betty Sanders, Cyrus I. Yavneh. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Lew Bengis, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Frankel, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan. . . . Have you any knick-knacks or pictures at home that are not being used? The W.S.I.S. **Game Room** is being redecorated and any articles you could spare would be appreciated. We could use anything in brass or pottery, as well as paintings and games. We can also use another used piano for our Social Department activities. . . . Young Couples! The first get-together of the season takes place in our Succah on Sunday night, October 9.

OUR SYNAGOGUE SUCCAH

We are once again indebted to our very capable and conscientious Mr. Ben Wiener for assuming the responsibility of decorating our Succah and making it, as the poet put it, "a thing of beauty."

We hope that the Almighty will privilege Mr. Wiener and his dear wife, "Kathie", as well as their helpful committee, to continue to do this fine piece of work, in health and happiness for scores of years to come.

Mrs. Bernard Lax is the new Chairman of our Women's League Succah Committee and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg is Treasurer of the Succah Fund.

Members may make reservations to eat meals in our Succah by phoning the office, TR. 7-8281.

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