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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

(Continued from last week)

Jerusalem, Wednesday, June 1st, '49

We finally got our ration cards. What we had heard is really true—meat—1/2 lb. per person, once a fortnight. Chicken—once a month. We took 1 dozen cans of meat with us. What we sent has not come yet. But you know our family doesn't miss meat, so that's no real problem for us, though it is for people who live here regularly.

Mrs. Bessie Gottesfeld, the Henrietta Szold of the Mizrahi Women's Organization, visited me here, today. She is a rare personality. The Mizrahi Women have a chain of institutions throughout the length and breadth of Israel. They are absorbing and rehabilitating large numbers of refugees, who are coming into the country by the thousands.

There was a parade of school children through our streets of Jerusalem today, in honor of Shevuoth tomorrow. At the head of the parade was a donkey—all decorated with green, and the children followed with their arms full of flowers. I read in the Palestine Post, the Daily printed here in English, that there are special rations for Shevuoth—3 extra eggs and a small added quantity of meat and potatoes, as well as an added quantity of ice. The people here take the rationing very good-naturedly, much better than many Americans did during the war. The paper also announced that there was an ample supply of cheese for this holiday not rationed.

3 P.M. Thursday, June 2, 1949
Erev Shevuoth.

There is a spirit of Yom Tov in the air.—Most businesses, including the banks and Post Office, closed at 12:30 today, as they usually do here on the eve of a holiday. They won't be open now till Sunday morning. Even the Hebrew University follows this procedure, so Naomi has a vacation. Many observe the holidays for national, not for religious reasons. Whatever their motives may be, they are surrounded by a holiday atmosphere, which holds the possibilities of exerting a religious influence upon them.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND MEN'S CLUB TO SPONSOR ADULT STUDY GROUPS

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES OUR SUCCAH Installation of Officers



Mrs. Bernard Lax

This year we are pleased to have Mrs. Bernard Lax as Chairman of our Succah Committee, with our Executive Board Secretary, Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, as Treasurer.

You may do **your part** by sending a contribution to the Succah Fund—Women's League W.S.I.S., c/o the Synagogue, 122 West 76 St.

Installation of Officers

On Monday afternoon, October 10th, at 12:30 o'clock, all the women of the Congregation and their friends are cordially invited to come and have coffee and cake with us in our beautiful Succah.

Immediately thereafter, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will install the officers of the Women's League for the ensuing year.

A unique program of songs, with Spanish guitar accompaniment will then be presented by the talented artists, Mrs. Ray Green and Mr. and Mrs. George Menen.

RABBI AND MRS. GOLDSTEIN AT HOME

In accordance with their annual custom, Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein will be happy to meet and greet all the members of our Congregation, at their home, 229 West 78th Street, on Saturday afternoon, October 15th, between 2:30 and 4:30 o'clock.

Our Rabbi and Rebbetzin would like all our members, both old and new, to regard this announcement as a personal invitation.

In view of the popular interest that has been manifested by many of our members, the Women's League and Men's Club will be co-sponsors, this year, of our Adult Courses in Jewish History, Hebrew Conversation, Customs and Ceremonies and "Israel Today." These sessions will have not only cultural, but social value as well.

It is our hope that each and every member of our Congregational Family will be able to spend at least one evening a week with us, in advancing Jewish knowledge and good fellowship in our midst.

There will be a nominal registration fee of \$2 which will entitle the registrants to as many courses as they desire to take. It is important that you fill out the coupon below and mail it as soon as possible.

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Tuesday ☐
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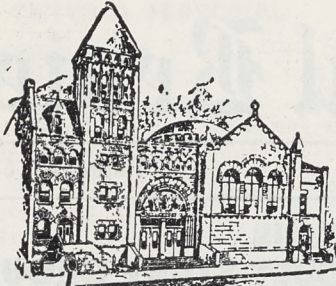
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REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Our Talmud Torah is accepting new pupils every day. Please come afternoons from 4 to 6 or phone our principal, Rabbi Reichel, TR 7-8281, if you wish any advice regarding your child's religious school problem.

In keeping with the spirit and the law of our Festivals, our young people should be encouraged to participate in Congregational Services and to spend these days in a Yom Tov atmosphere.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The W.S.I.S. Men's Club is now engaged in a Membership Drive. Fill out the application below, and attend the first regular meeting (1949-1950 season) to be held on October 10, at 8:30 P.M. sharp, in the Club Room.

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I hereby apply for Membership to the Men's Club,

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365th of the 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS The Laws of the Sotah By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein II

The laws of this commandment are, that the husband must first warn his wife before two witnesses about her clandestine relationship. He must say to her, I warn you against being hidden with so and so, even if it be her father, a brother, a gentile, or a slave. If later, she be found in a hidden place, with the person she was warned about, as long as it takes to be defiled, (the time to boil an egg and to sip it) then she is forbidden to have any conjugal relationship with her husband, until after she drank the water of bitterness, and the matter is cleared one way or the other. If a man should say, "I do not want you to speak to this or that man," this does not come under the heading of Sotah, even though she be found alone with him. If a man warned her

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without two witnesses being present, and he finds her alone with the man, then she is to be divorced and receives her "Kesubah", her financial rights. He cannot force her to drink "the water of bitterness" upon his own testimony. A woman is not obliged to drink the water of bitterness more than once. If she is cleared after the first time, and is suspected and warned again, by her husband, in the presence of witnesses, to be secretly with the same man, she does not receive the water of bitterness, but she is forbidden to her husband and is divorced without receiving her "Kesubah", her financial rights. However, if a different man is involved, she is suspected for each time providing there are two witnesses present when he warns her. If she is found alone with the suspected man, witnesses being present, she drinks the water of bitterness. She is **never** forced to drink this water of bitterness, whether she says "I defiled myself," or "I did not defile myself." If she refuses to drink the water, she is divorced and loses her "Kesubah", her financial rights, and is forbidden at all times to her first husband. She may never marry her illegitimate lover, and loses her right to priestly descent if born of priestly parents. If her husband does not want her to drink the water of bitterness, then she is divorced and receives her "Kesubah", her financial rights.

SUCCOS NOTES . . .

Significance — Following upon the serious and soul-searching mood which dominated the month of Elul and the Ten Days of Repentance, which was climaxed by Yom Kippur, Jews the world-over usher in the gay holiday of Succos at sunset this evening. As we recite in the Prayers, this is:

הג הסכות הזה זמן שמחתנו

the Feast of Tabernacles, the season of our gladness.

Once again, the Jewish holidays give man an opportunity to live a complete life. There is a time for gaiety, as well as for serious contemplation.

Hoshanah Rabba—The last day of the Intermediate days of Succos, Hoshanah Rabba, precedes the last days. On Hoshanah Rabba, Jews throughout the world parade around the Synagogue seven times. It is on this day that the decrees sealed on Yom Kippur are irrevocably closed and the fate prescribed therein for each individual takes effect.

PUPPET SHOW FOR YOUR CHILDREN

On Wednesday Morning, Oct. 12th

The Committee on Orthodox Jewish Education of the West Side, under the chairmanship of our own Mr. Jacob Kaplan, is sponsoring a Punch and Judy Show and Enrollment Rally for the children of Kindergarten and Talmud Torah age in our Community. The show will be held in the Jewish Center Auditorium, 131 West 86 St., this Wednesday morning, October 12th (Columbus Day) at 10 o'clock.

Three door prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Tickets may be obtained free of charge in the Talmud Torah office.

TALMUD TORAH STUDENT COUNCIL

At the first Oneg Shabbos of the new term, a lively Talmud Torah student body elected the following pupils to the Student Council: Elliot Wohl, Barbara Kaplan, Madelyn Ukeles, Jack Cohen, Annette Friedman, Judy Kotek, Eddie Behrens, and Stanley Shulster.

SUCCOS WITH OUR YOUNGER SET . . .

The Youth Department requests all young people in our Congregational Family to make note of these important events during the week of Succos.

1. All Teen-Agers and Collegiates are invited to meet in the Succah this evening at 8:30. Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel will be on hand to welcome all those present and, in addition, Marshall Gertner will report on his recent trip to Israel.

2. Young women over 18 and young men over 21 are invited to meet tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in the Succah at 3:30. Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel will greet this group and the Young Folks will have their first opportunity to discuss their plans for the coming season.

3. The **Hapoel Hamizrachi** is holding its first meeting of the year on Monday, October 8th, at 8 P.M. in the Council Room. An interesting program has been prepared and refreshments will be served in the Succah.

4. The **Maccabbees** have completed plans for a grand **Succos Social** on Tuesday, October 11. In addition to local talent, Mr. Seymour ("Smokey") Eskowitz—of Camp Mohaph renown—will entertain the assemblage with comical songs and repartee. Morris Gottlieb heads the committee that is preparing the affair. The fun begins in the Social Hall at 7:30.

5. A group of Collegiates who organized the successful High Holiday Youth Services, decided recently to form a permanent social group. Their first social event of the season will be a bus trip on Wednesday (Columbus Day), to Hyde Park. A very limited number of tickets are still available for this exciting trip and may be obtained by contacting the Youth Department office immediately. Jack Golden and Elsie Oelberger are serving as co-chairmen.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Sh'mini Atzeres, Saturday, October 15th, Yizkor services will be recited at our Synagogue in memory of our departed ones. Please fill out the form below and mail to us.

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SUCCOS PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 5:11	
Friday Evening Service	5:15
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Saturday Morning	
Junior Congregation	10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	4:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	4:15
Mincha Service	5:15
Light Candles Sat. night after	6:07
Sunday Morning Succos Services	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
<i>Daily Services (Chol Chamoad)</i>	
Mornings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	6:30, 7:30, 8:00
Mincha	5:20
<i>Thursday Night</i>	
(Tikun Hoshanah Rabba)	9:00
<i>Friday Morning</i>	
(Hoshanah Rabba)	6:15, 7:15

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE MEETS THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

The young married couples of the Congregational Family are cordially invited to attend the Mr. & Mrs. League Night in our beautiful Succah, Sunday, October 9th, at 8:15 o'clock.

This will be the first gathering of the year of the Mr. & Mrs. League, and it will be one we are sure that you would not want to miss.

Besides the interesting agenda, a delicious spread is in store for you.

Young couples—come one, come all!

THE STUDY CORNER

Please take note that for boys and girls over 13, sessions have already begun for study and discussion of Jewish problems and culture.

The girls meet with Rabbi Preil on Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6:15. The boys meet with Mr. Rothschild on Saturdays, from 2:30 to 3:30.

Fur further information, please contact Rabbi Reichel's office.

A class is being organized for teen agers and older, who wish to learn the Hebrew language as spoken in Israel. Sessions are planned for Monday or Wednesday, from 5 to 6. If you are interested, please call or write to Rabbi Reichel.

PUBLIC RECEPTION TO RABBIS

The entire Congregation is invited to attend a Public Reception on Wednesday evening, October 12, in our Synagogue, to the twelve members of the Rabbinical Council of America who visited Israel last summer. Our own Rabbi Goldstein will be among those honored. There will also be a Demonstration in behalf of the Holy City of Jerusalem.

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Getting Personal

Stirring appeals were made in the Main Synagogue and at the Overflow Services in behalf of the Congregation. It is heartening to know that a number of our friends who were away for the Holidays sent in their pledges although they were absent. We would like to make it 100%. Send in yours. . . . **Awards of merit** are hereby extended to our ushering staff for their services during the High Holy Days: Max Lazarus (Chief), Jack Berlin (Overseer), Herman H. Cohen (Gateman), Morty Cohen, Aaron Gross, Alexander Kirsh, Lester Lazarus, Herbert Perlman, Master Albert Schmeidler and Dannie Weiss. . . . The Overflow Services were conducted again by Gabriel Goldstein and Alexander Golden, assisted by Ned Kirsh, Hank Epstein and Isaac Perlman. . . . We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ben Glazer for naming their new born son, Rashi. . . . Glad to see Mrs. Regina Margareten together with her daughter, Yetta Landowne, as regulars at our Services once again. . . . The entire Congregation was spiritually thrilled to hear once again the Shofar sounded by Mr. Israel Kestenbaum and his son, Ralph. Incidentally, we were happy to learn that through the efforts of Ralph, who heads the Hillel in Trinity College, Jewish students were excused from classes on the High Holy Days. . . . **Happy Birthday** greetings to Mrs. I. J. Bernstein, Mrs. Betty Cohen, Mrs. Max Dabek, Mrs. Daniel C. Davis, Mrs. Samuel Gardner, Mrs. Essie Planco, and Cantor Zalmon Yavneh. . . . **Anniversary greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bayer, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blankfort. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Goodman upon the marriage of their daughter, Audrey, to Marvin Eisenberg. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gruss upon the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Bernard Goldberg. . . . Best wishes for a **speedy recovery** to Mrs. Anna Dworkin and Mrs. Philip Wohl. . . . During Chol Hamoed, breakfasts will be available in our Succah. Suppers by reservation only.

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