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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

(Continued from last week)

June 10, 1949

Jerusalem is veritably a city of learning—wherever you look, you see a Yeshiva. That is what makes it a Holy City. The people here learn with the idea of practicing what they learn, in their daily lives. Besides the Yeshivoth, there are innumerable worthwhile and important projects. The thousands of refugees who are pouring into this country steadily, require food, clothing, living quarters and rehabilitation, including training of one kind or another. Vast amounts of money are required for this purpose and everyone who contributes to Israel is helping to bring health and happiness to unfortunate individuals who come here completely broken down in body and spirit.

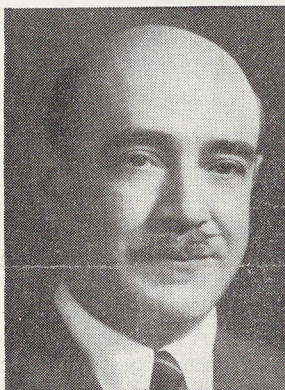
A noble experiment is being lived in Israel at present. Those who have been here, for a time, are imposing food restrictions upon themselves, so that there should be enough for the new arrivals. The Knesset has introduced what is known as the AUSTERITY PROGRAMME or TSE-NA as it is called in Hebrew. Everybody is supposed to try to get along on as little food as possible. It is remarkable how earnest the masses of the people are about it.

Jerusalem, June 7, 1949

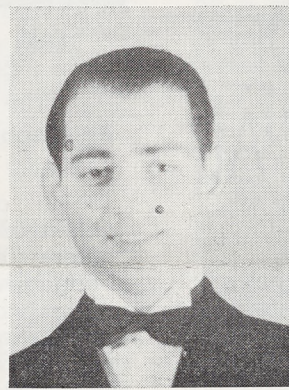
Many and varied were the different types of people who passed by this morning. There was the long-bearded man with the fur-trimmed streimel, and Kapota, wrapped up in a long woolen Talis, marching through the street as if it were the aisle of a Synagogue. This is not an unusual sight here on Shabbos. Then there was the type with a shorter beard, but long payis and long coat—Prince Albert style—and a broad-brimmed homburger hat to cover his head. Haganah boys, still wearing their khaki uniforms mingled with the oriental Jews, who look very much like Arabs both in the way they dress and in their physiognomy. —Practically all the women have their heads covered—either with the regular square scarfs—or with the oriental headdress—a flowing arrangement which cov-

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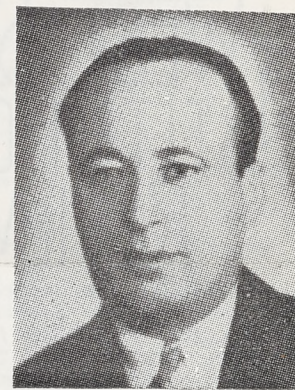
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON Hotel Pierre, December 6th

With the following capable and energetic officers and members of the Luncheon Committee, this year's Women's League Luncheon is expected to reach new heights.

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MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Mr. Max Lazarus, President of the Men's Club, announces that an entertaining program and delicious food will be the "order of the day" on Monday Evening, October 24, in the Social Hall. Mr. Moe Oltarsh, outgoing President, will be the guest of honor.

We are pleased to announce that the Synagogue has honored the following individuals: Mr. Ben Glazer as Chasan Torah, Mr. Albert H. Cohen as Chasan Breshis, and Mr. Lester Udell as Chasan Maftir.

The Chasan Torah is honored with the reading of the last section of the Torah. The Chasan Breshis is honored with the reading of the first section of the Bible. The Chasan Maftir chants the Simchas Torah Haftarah (selected from the Book of Joshua).

WOMEN'S LEAGUE and MEN'S CLUB URGE YOU TO JOIN Popular Hebrew Classes IN LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

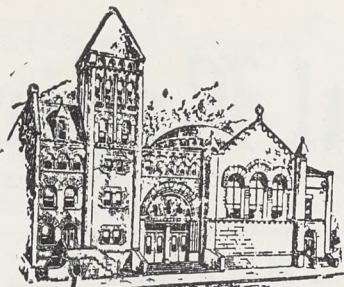
Among your New Year Resolutions,—registering for a course or two in the study of the Hebrew Language and the Jewish Classics should be a must on your list.

Beginning with this **Monday, October 24th**, study groups on all levels of Hebrew knowledge will be under way. Beginner's Hebrew (Reading and Language)

Mondays 7:30 - 8:40
Elementary Conversational Hebrew
Mondays 7:30 - 8:40
Advanced Conversational Hebrew
Mondays 8:40 - 9:45

Additional courses and sessions in the Hebrew Language will be made available if registration will warrant them.

Courses in other subjects will be announced next week.



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HOLIDAY NOTES . . .

The last two days of the Succos Holidays are called Sh'mini Atzeres and Simchas Torah.

The highlight of the Sh'mini Atzeres Services is the T'fillas Geshem (Prayer for Rain). The Cantor dons the "kittel" (white gown) just as he does on the High Holidays, and implores G-d to grant sufficient rain, the basis for life and prosperity for the coming year.

Simchas Torah is the happiest holiday on the Jewish calendar. We complete the Book of Deuteronomy and begin reading the Book of Genesis immediately thereafter. As an expression of our love for the Torah, we remove all the Torahs from the Holy Ark and march around the Shul with them. This is called the Hakafoth.

PUBLIC RECEPTION TO RABBIS

The entire Congregation is invited to attend a Public Reception on Wednesday evening, October 19, 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.



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

There are 15 cases when the women are forbidden to drink the "bitter waters." (1) A woman who is engaged, but not married. (2) A woman who is waiting for a Levitical marriage. (3) A minor who is given away in marriage by her father. (4) A woman who married a minor. (5) A woman who was an Androgenus (hermaphrodite.) (6) The wife of a blind man, for it is written in Verse 13, "And it be hid from the sight of her husband." (7) And a lame woman, for it is written in Verse 18, "And the priest shall have the woman stand erect before the L—d." (8) One who has not a palm, for it is written in Verse 18, "And he shall put the meal-offering in her hands." (9) If her hand be shriveled up, making it impossible to receive anything, for it is written

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in Verse 18, "And he shall put the offering in her hands, (plural)." (10) A deaf woman, for it is written in Verse 21, "And the priest shall say unto the woman," (11) A lame woman. (12) One whose hands are cut off. (13) Or a mute woman. (14) A deafmute woman. (15) And a blind woman.

A quart of water was taken. Then some dust from the earth under the Temple was put therein, together with a bitter herb. All this was mixed together, then the oath that was written upon the parchment, was to be immersed in this water until the oath was erased. Then she drinks the water.

This commandment prevailed during Temple times. It had to be executed in the presence of 71 Sanhedrin in the Temple.

He who trespassed this law and did not bring his wife to the priest to undergo that which we have just described, broke this positive commandment concerning the Sotah.

The water itself was harmless unless the woman was guilty. However, even if she were guilty, but the husband's own conduct with regard to adultery was not unimpeachable, then the water had no effect. As the Prophet said, "I will not punish your daughters when they are immoral, for they themselves (the husbands) are separated with immoral women." (Hosea, Chapter 4, verse 14.)

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ers not only the head but everything, except the face, and reaches down to the middle of the chest in front, and the middle of the back. A wreathlike band of matching material serves as an elastic to hold it in place. Dresses are, for the most part, loose and flowing, reaching down to the ground. Young girls wear simple dresses, on the order of what we wear in America, but with emphasis on the simple.

Tuesday, June 14, 1949

Woman after woman walked down our street this morning holding in her hand a big fish, wrapped in a newspaper, head sticking out at one end and tail at the other. Live fish have arrived in the market today. When something appears in the market, people go for it, immediately, whether they need it, on that day, or not. It sometimes happens that a food commodity will appear in the market one day and then not again for as long as 2 or 3 weeks thereafter. Housewives, therefore, usually have a marketing bag with

them and peek in at the market every time they pass it.

Wednesday, June 15, 1949

The Professors of the University, and their wives, are very hospitable. They have Seminars at their homes, periodically. Naomi just left for one of these. She says almost every country in the world is represented, among the students of her different classes, even one 4th generation Palestinian, whose great great grandparents came to the Holy Land as Maranos, when the Jews were expelled from Spain, and it is thrilling to be in such a cosmopolitan group, all of whom are united, by one common language—Hebrew.

I was surprised to learn today that all letters from abroad, except those on the air-mail forms, are opened by the Censor. Not that this affects those who correspond with us, in any way, but it is interesting to know.

Please Note

A modern Ritualarium is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St. MO 3-0300.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!!!



Although Simchas Torah is a festive occasion for all people, it is particularly a joyous holiday for the youngsters. Remaining true to the tradition of our Congregation, the children will receive flags and candy and will march around the Shul this Saturday night and Sunday morning.

A word to the wise is sufficient—boys and girls. Come one, come all!

DOES YOUR CHILD ATTEND OUR TALMUD TORAH?

A progressive curriculum stressing functional Jewish knowledge and Judaism has been instituted in our Talmud Torah.

During several afternoons our pupils may participate in supervised recreational activities before or after their scheduled hours.

You may discuss your child's program with Rabbi Reichel Sunday mornings, or any week-day afternoon, or by appointment.

GAME-ROOM, TELEVISION, and GYM

The game-room is open Saturday through Wednesday nights from 8 to 10 and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4. Mr. Jack Tomor, game-room director, reports that tournament places are being filled and that trophies will be awarded to W.S.I.S. champions.

Television shows will be on display in our beautifully renovated Social Hall on Tuesday nights. The fun begins this Tuesday night, October 18, at 8 P.M.

The gymnasium of the High School of Commerce is a lively place indeed these Tuesday nights. W.S.I.S. basketball "greats" play there, under the direction of Mr. Irving Dropkin. Teams will be formed shortly to play against other groups in the city. Our motto remains: Health, Fun, and the Right Atmosphere.

HOLIDAY AND DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	4:59
Friday Evening Service	5:10
Friday Evening Youth Reunion	8:30
Saturday Morning Sh'mini Atzeres	8:15
(Yizkor)	
Junior Congregation	10:30
Mincha Service	5:00
Light Candles Saturday night after... ..	5:46
Sunday Morning	
Simchas Torah Service	8:30
Holiday Terminates	5:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:10
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.	

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH SERVICES, BREAKFAST, and FORUM BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

The young people of our Congregation and our affiliated groups, the Teen Agers, Maccabbees, Collegiates and Talmud Torah graduates, will resume their popular Sunday Morning Youth Services and Breakfasts. There will be a Youth Forum following the Breakfast. This year, provisions will be made for the girls to participate in the Services, the Breakfasts, and in the Forums.

We eagerly look forward to the Opening Session which will take place on Sunday morning, October 23, at 9:15 o'clock.

NEW KINDERGARTEN CLASSES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Besides our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten, a new Sunday Morning Kindergarten class, for boys and girls from the ages of 4 to 6, will begin with Sunday Morning, October 23. It will meet from 11 to 12:30 every Sunday Morning.

For further information regarding enrolling your child in the Daily Afternoon or Sunday Morning Kindergarten, please contact the Talmud Torah office immediately.

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The **entire Congregation** is cordially invited to the home of our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, on Saturday afternoon, Sh'mini Atzeres, from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock. Their address is 229 West 78 Street. . . . **We salute** again our Director, Moe Oltarsh, for the capable and expert manner in which he conducted the Overflow Yizkor Services on Yom Kippur. . . . The feeling is unanimous that **our Succah** this year is the most beautiful one that we have ever had. Once again our sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiener for this splendid achievement, and to our ever helpful Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg and their son Stephen. . . . **Many Thanks** to those who helped serve the hundreds of worshippers who came for Kiddush and Motzi in the Succah, under the leadership of Mrs. Bernard Lax and Mrs. Harry Ward, president of the Women's League, Mmes. Harry Cohen, Z. Reisman, Herbert Rudnick, Mlles. Sandra Goodman, Ann Hirsch, Helen Langer, Minette Verschleiser, and Yonina Yavneh. . . . Those who ate their meals in our Succah experienced the real **spirit of the Holiday**. We hope that many more will avail themselves of this privilege next year, please G-d. . . . **The Collegiates and Teen-Agers** had a real treat last Friday night, when they heard Marshall Gertner report on his visit to Israel. By popular request, he will tell us some more about it tonight (Friday) at 8:30 in the Council Room. . . . **Happy Birthday** greetings to H. Don Golden, Jane Leslie Greenfield, Jesse L. Greenstein, Denise Merkin, Lawrence Charles Moskowitz and Philip Nager. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Ehrman and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross. . . . Sorry to hear of Mrs. Sam Greenfield's accident. We wish her a **refuah shlaymo**. . . . **Welcome home** to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schacter from their honeymoon.

SATURDAY MORNING
KINDERGARTEN SERVICE

The Sabbath Morning Kindergarten will be resumed beginning with October 22nd.

Children from 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 congregate in the Kindergarten Room on Saturday mornings at 10:30 o'clock while their parents are at services. The children spend a very enjoyable morning with us and are called for by their parents after services.

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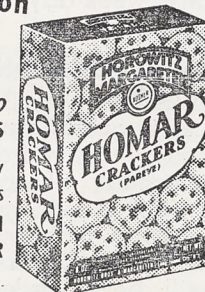
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