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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

(Continued from last week)

Jerusalem, Sunday, July 2nd, 1949

The spirit of idealism, in Israel, is on such a lofty plane, that even the most callous visitor, who comes here, cannot help being impressed. The care of the thousands upon thousands of homeless refugees, who keep pouring into Israel steadily, has placed an overwhelming burden upon this young State, and upon all its citizens, who are co-operating so unselfishly in sharing this burden. Nevertheless, the Knesset, in its sincere and genuine desire to really make Israel a Homeland, for all those Jews who wish to make it their home, passed the following resolution last week: "The Knesset encourages the Government of Israel to continue its activity in facilitating the immigration into the State of Israel, of all Jews desiring to do so, from whatever country they may come."

The Knesset is making remarkable progress in its "Austerity Program", called in Hebrew "Tseena." I have referred to one phase of this program in a previous letter. Its basic achievement, however, is in its successful government control of the price of essentials, their standard of quality, and their **equality of distribution**. Here, as in the rest of the world, there are those who try to capitalize upon the needs of others. The Knesset has adopted and enforces such a strict system of punishment, that all, but the most brazen, are deterred from violating the established regulations. The baker who bakes a smaller size bread and charges the same price, the milk man who is caught adding water to his milk, the wholesaler who sells more of his products to one retailer than to another (in consideration of black market prices) rarely does it a second time. Heavy fines and imprisonment seem to overtake offenders, with uncanny speed. One cannot help marvelling at the keenness, cleverness and efficiency of those who are running the State of Israel. The authorities here are also evidencing those qualities which our Prophets pleaded for, so vigorously—**MERCY, JUSTICE** and

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RESERVE YOUR TICKETS FOR "A I D A"

Our very own 12th Annual Benefit Performance at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Sunday evening, Jan. 29, 1950, will be a real family re-union of all the friends of the W.S.I.S.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS MRS. HARRY WARD, HOSTESS

On Monday afternoon, November 21st, at 12 o'clock, Mrs. Harry Ward, President of our Women's League, will be hostess to the entire Executive Board at a Dessert Luncheon which is to be held at her home. An important meeting of the Board will follow the Luncheon.

WEDDING NEWS



Renee Edith Langer

Congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Moses Langer upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Renee Edith, to Maurice S. Kalker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kalker. Our good wishes to the young couple for a long life of health and happiness.

THRIFT SALE

How about sending those clothes that are in your closets, or superfluous articles around the house, which you would like to discard, to the West Side Institutional Synagogue "thrift sale." If you can not bring it, phone Mrs. Jules Shaftan, Thrift Sale Chairman, TR. 7-8281, and she will call for your package.

ISIDOR TEITELBAUM TO ADDRESS MEN'S CLUB



Isidor Teitelbaum

A most interesting program has been prepared for the next meeting of the Men's Club, which will take place this Monday evening, November 21. Mr. Isidor Teitelbaum will be the main speaker. The topic is: "Paul Revere Rides Again."

Mr. Teitelbaum is president of the Bronx Chapter of the American Jewish Congress. He plays a leading role in many Jewish organizations. Often, in fact, he is forced to take time away from his own business as a result of the pressure of his communal activities. He is also active in our Men's Club.

All members, prospective members, and friends of the Congregation are urged to attend.

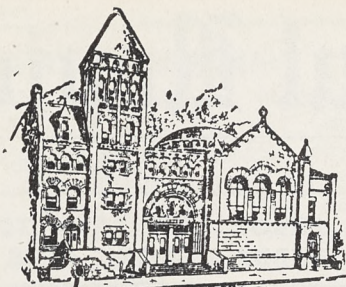
BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST JWV SOCIAL ON SUNDAY NIGHT

A gala night of games and fun has been prepared for this Sunday evening, November 20, by the Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans. Games will be played and prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners. There will also be interesting films on Israel.

The affair will take place in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served. There will be no admission charge.

FOR INFORMATION

about one grave or a plot in our Memorial Park at Mt. Eden Cemetery, telephone our office.



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WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON HOTEL PIERRE Tuesday, December 6th MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN TO BE HONORED

This is your opportunity to help us show our beloved Rebbetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, how much we appreciate her wholehearted devotion to our cause. We must have a record attendance at this Luncheon, which is to be given in her honor.

Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, chairman of prizes, tells us that we have never had such a galaxy of beautiful prizes as we will distribute this year. The program, too, will be an unusual one, so do not delay. Send in your reservations at once, not only for yourself but also for your relatives and friends.

You can raise your quota of \$15 by getting from Mrs. Allen Fox, 215 West 88th Street, phone SC. 4-2963, a book of 15 subscriptions for a portable television set.

Mail your check of \$15 made out to Women's League, W.S.I.S., as soon as possible, to Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Chairman, 440 West End Avenue, or to Mrs. Lester Udell, Treasurer, 225 West 86th Street.



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The Nazirite Must Let His Hair Grow

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The Nazirite was commanded, among other things, to let his hair grow wild during the days of his Naziriteship, as it is written in Numbers, Chapter 6, Verse 5, "He shall let the locks of his hair of the head grow long." The Michilta regards this as the positive phase of the commandment concerning the Nazirite's hair; namely, that it must grow long. The negative commandment we discussed recently; namely, that no razor may come upon his head. The Nazirite wants to despise the body and to elevate the soul. The Bible and the Talmud discourage one from becoming a Nazirite in spite of the good intentions. Why is the hair to grow wild? Because the Bible wants us to understand that the body, as well as the soul, must be cared for. G-d wants the tenement in which the soul dwells to be nice. Because the Nazirite

neglected the physical part of himself, he had to bring a *קרבן חטאת* "a sin offering."

Man is a combination of matter and spirit, of body and soul. Therefore, both the body and the soul have to be sufficiently guarded and enhanced. Of course, it would be a marvelous thing if man were completely spiritual, all soul, just like the angels. However, G-d in His wisdom decided to make us unlike the angels. Therefore, being created as we are, we must take care of the physical as well as the spiritual. However, when one can minimize serving the physical, he should make every effort to do so. Some people make a fetish of serving the body. This of course is the other extreme. Rabbi Jose said in the Talmud Taanis, Chapter 3, "Man may **not** inflict his body with unnecessary fasts." Commenting upon this, Rabbi Judah said, "Because it is written 'man shall be a living being', not an afflicted one." Perhaps this is what King Solomon meant when he said, "Do not be too righteous,"—do not torture the body. On the other hand, we must understand the prompting of the Nazirite who tries to curb and conquer his passions. Rabbi Simeon, who was a priest, said (see Talmud Nazir 4b), "All my days I never ate of the offering of a Nazirite," because he feared that Nazirites, after defilement, would regret their vows. Then the sacrifice would prove retrospectively to have been unnecessary.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN'S DIARY

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LOVING KINDNESS for all—even towards the Arabs—who are not willing, up to the present time, to sign a Peace Treaty with Israel.

During this month, the Arabs are observing a holy period, known as RAMADAN (something like Lent). Its observance consists of special prayers and fasting for 40 consecutive days, from sunrise to sunset. In consideration of this fact, the Israel Minister of Religious Affairs, in cooperation with the Food Controller, has issued **special** Ramadan rations of sugar, coffee and dried apricots, to strengthen the exhausted keepers of the fast.

Working hours, for remaining Arab prisoners of war, in Israel camps, have been reduced, for the duration of Ramadan, while, at the same time, their rations have been supplemented. A large army tent has been set up and furnished with carpets and all religious require-

ments to serve as a Camp Mosque. In Jaffe, Acre and Haifa, the night curfew has been lifted for the month of fasting to enable worshippers to remain at the Mosque throughout the night, as custom requires.

Besides all this consideration (which it were well if the Arabs would emulate towards the Israel prisoners of war they are still holding, as well as towards our brethren in Arab dominated countries) the Israel government has appointed and is paying for Moslem spiritual leaders, to supervise the Moslem communities' religious affairs.

This is one of the numerous ways in which the ideal of equality is being lived here, not merely talked about.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of

**MINNIE HOROWITZ
BENJAMIN J. WEINBERG**

May the Almighty console them.

W.S.I.S. CALENDAR

Friday, November 18: Teen Agers meet at home of Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel, 8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 19: Talmud Torah High School Group, 2:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 19: Discussion group led by Rabbi Reichel for young people over 21. Social hour to follow, 2:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 19: "Bnos" (Girls), 3:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 19: W.S.I.S. "Royals" (boys), 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, November 20: Youth Service and Breakfast for boys and girls, 9:10 A.M. Guest Speaker at Forum, Mr. Max Lazarus. Topic: "What Vocations Shall I Select?"

Sunday, November 20: Buddy Friedman Post JWV Social, 8 P.M.

Monday, November 21: LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Beginner's Hebrew 7:30-8:40 P.M.
Elementary Hebrew 8:40-9:45 P.M.
Elementary Conversational 7:30-8:40 P.M.
Advanced Conversational 8:40-9:45 P.M.

Monday, November 21: Men's Club Meeting; ISIDOR TEITELBAUM, Guest Speaker, 8:30 P.M.

Monday, November 28: Monday Evening Forum; Guest Speaker: BEN COHEN, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Tuesday, December 6: Women's League Luncheon in honor of Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein at Hotel Pierre.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:16
Weekly Portion: Chaye Sarah
Rosh Chodesh Kislev — Tuesday
Friday Evening Service 4:25
Reader of Service: Aaron Tomares
Saturday Morning Services 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten
for Children 2½ to 5 10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:15
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:00
Mincha Service 4:00
Reader of Torah: Aaron Tomares
Speaker: Marshall Gertner
Reader of Service: Herman Gold
The Sabbath Terminates 5:04
Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Tuesday: Rosh Chodesh 6:30, 7:50, 8:20
Mincha 4:25
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

TALMUD TORAH HONOR ROLL

We are happy to list the following pupils in our Talmud Torah who have merited the Honor Roll for the past month. Our classes are named after the tribes of Israel. **Shimon:** Martin Gold, Michael Friedman, Ira Tumpowsky; **Reuven:** Alice Gottlieb, Barbara Kaplan, Madelyn Ukeles, Yonina Yavneh; **Ephraim:** Alan Ansell, Jack Cohen, Douglas Corwin, Annette Friedman, Marshall Greenberg, Michael Saretsky; **Judah:** Moses Jacobowitz, Robert Jaye, Ben Leichter, Joyce Shulster; **Benjamin:** Beatrice Fruchter, Barbara Hecht, Neil Sherman, Stanley Shulster; **Naftoli:** Edward Fleischman, Arthur Fruchter, Sheila Stepman, Roy Tumpowsky; **Levi:** Marcia Goldberg, Susan Gross, David Kahn, Jeffrey Lindenbaum, Roger Lourie.

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ISRAEL NOTES

Israel has notified the British Foreign Office that henceforth in all official documents the term "Israel" will be used as an adjective as well as a noun, as in "Israel troop" or "Israel border." The term "Israeli" will be used only as a noun to describe citizens of the Jewish state.

One of the first acts of the newly-elected Assembly (Knesset) of Israel was to adopt a seal of the State. For this purpose, the members of the Assembly went back into the rich tradition of Jewish history. The seal is a seven-branched candelabrum copied from the Arch of Titus, mounted between two olive branches on a traditional shield.

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We were privileged to have with us at Sabbath Services, Professor Abraham Frankel, of the Mathematics Department of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. . . . A **safe journey** to Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders upon their return trip to California. . . . Glad to see Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg in Shul Sabbath morning. . . . **Congratulations** to the Vice President of the Mr. and Mrs. League, Dr. and Mrs. Lionel Rebhun, upon the birth of a son. Mazel tov also to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Greenblatt and Mr. and Mrs. Max S. Rebhun. . . . Happy to **welcome back** from California, our Director Abraham M. Davis and his sister, Ruth. . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Gische upon the birth of a grandson, and to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gische. . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goodman upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Harold L., to Miss Judith Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hoffman. . . . Mrs. O. Asher Reichel participated in the Symposium on "Youth Activities in the Synagogue" at the National Conference of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, this week

Happy Birthday Greetings to Director Sol Bellsey, Mrs. Harry Cohen, Andrew Harold Feinstein, Jason Jacobowitz, Gladys Neustadter, David Siegler and Jack Slayner. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Landqu and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Udell. . . . **Have you ordered your tickets for the benefit performance at the Metropolitan?**

Joke of the Week: What is the difference between a "schlemiehl" and a "schlemahzel"? . . . The "schlemiehl" drops the soup on the "schlemahzel."

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