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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Jerusalem, Tuesday, June 28th, 1949

As dusk was settling over the city of Jerusalem, late Sunday afternoon, I looked out of a window facing North and saw a tremendous crowd. It was the hundreds of men, women and children who were following the remains of 200,000 Nazi victims to their final resting place. These remains — human ashes — were contained in a glass casket in which had been neatly placed 30 blue and white ash-filled urns. The interment took place in Jerusalem's Sanhedria Cemetery, where Israel's fighting men and women, who fell in the recent war, were buried.

All shops, as well as all schools, were closed as a mark of respect to the dead, and 100 boys, with black skull caps on their heads, and prayer-books in their hands, formed part of the funeral procession.

The purpose of this public burial was, as President Weizmann put it, "that the graves of these poor people should serve forever, as a memorial, to remind generations to come what our enemies did to us."

Tuesday, July 5th, 1949

While sitting in the Beauty Parlor, I experienced an odd sensation. It seemed to me that I had suddenly been carried off to another world. To the right of me were women sitting under hair-dryers, knitting away; to the left of me were women sitting in front of mirrors having their hair set in regular American style, and all around me everybody was talking **only Hebrew**. Can you imagine listening to the following, in a beauty parlor, and in Hebrew besides? "In Poland those who became radical forgot about religion entirely. Here, in Israel, irreligious people see the satisfaction which religious Jews get from observing Jewish holidays. When Friday afternoon comes, observant Jews stop all work, so they really feel that the Sabbath is a day of rest. The others don't go out to do their customary work on Saturday, though they don't stop before sundown to usher in the Sabbath. Naturally, they do not get the real Sabbath spirit that way, but perhaps it is a step forward."

BEN COHEN OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SPEAK AT MONDAY EVENING FORUM

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS Remember Monday, November 28

All the women of the Congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend a Dessert Luncheon, Open Meeting, and Afternoon of Games, which will be held at our Synagogue House on Monday afternoon, November 28th, at 12:30 o'clock. The hostess for the afternoon will be Mrs. William Horwitz.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON HOTEL PIERRE

Tuesday, December 6th

MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN, GUEST OF HONOR

Through the efforts of Mrs. Lester Udell, Eddie Weinstein, of M. Weinstein & Sons, is giving us a Four Skin Natural Baum Marten Scarf for our Luncheon.

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MEN'S CLUB

The next regular meeting of the Men's Club will be held in the Club Room on Monday evening, December 5, at 8:30 P.M.

CONTRIBUTORS TO W.S.I.S. HOMES IN ISRAEL

Joseph Anderson, Felix Bondi, Sol Bronstein, David Cohen, Miss Lillian Gitlin, Warren R. Goldsmith, Lazaro Gottfried, Jess E. Gross, Irving Kobrin, Mrs. M. Koch, Charles H. Landis, Joseph Shapiro, A. Solomon.



Hon. Ben Cohen

Mr. Ben Cohen, who is second in command to Trygve Lie of the United Nations, will be our Guest Speaker at the Monday evening Forum this week. His topic is: "Building a Better Future Through the United Nations."

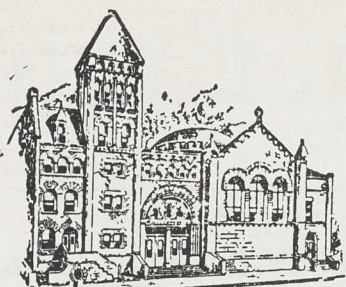
Mr. Cohen has been active in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of his native Chile for the past twenty-five years. Early in 1946, he was appointed in charge of Public Information of the United Nations. He has been awarded fifteen decorations by various Governments.

Rabbi Goldstein will continue with his series on Books of the Bible. The program for the evening will begin promptly at 8:40. A collation will follow.

These Monday evening Forums are under the joint sponsorship of our Women's League and Men's Club. They afford us an opportunity for a fortnightly reunion of our membership.

The host for this Monday night is Mr. A. M. Druckman. The Committee in charge consists of Mesdames Ben K. Eisenberg, Maurice Greenstein and David Kamerman for the Women's League and Messrs. Frank L. Taks, Alexander Kirsh and Albert H. Cohen. Mr. Taks will serve as Chairman of the Evening.

The Hospitality Committee consists of Mmes. Sol Bellsey, Leopold Hirsch, Sadie Lippman, Jules Shaf-tan, Harry Verschleiser, Harry Ward, and Andrew Weiss.



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TORAH UMESORAH

National Conference and Dinner

All our congregants and readers are urged to attend the Sixth Annual Dinner and National Conference for Torah to be convened by Torah Umesorah, National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, at the Hotel McAlpin, on Tuesday night, December 6th.

Torah Umesorah helps to create All Day Jewish Schools in communities all over the country. In addition, it provides proper teachers and supervises the curriculum. It engages in a complete program of public relations for religious education.

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374th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

The Nazirite Must Let His Hair Grow

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Just as letting the hair grow wild was to humble the person, so also the cutting of all the hair of the head was to humble him. The Nazirite must bring a קרבן "an offering," as an atonement because he afflicted himself more than necessary. All the ways of G-d represent the golden mean. To go beyond it and to afflict the body too much, is regarded as an offense.

Maimonides gives another explanation for the bringing of an offering for an atonement. He says that the קרבן "the offering", is to be brought because the Nazirite returns again to his natural passions. Once he was very holy he should have remained that way all his life.

Our Sages say there are 70 different ways to explaining the Torah. We may accept any of the ex-

ABOUT THE MISSIONARIES . . .

Many reports have come to us about the missionaries in our community. Rabbi Reichel, in a recent sermon, advocated the importance of our ignoring them completely instead of joining "crowds"—a source of their propaganda. Our member, Mr. Sholom Goldberg, sent us a clipping which should be of interest to our readers in this connection:

"Mayor Gaynor, replying to a letter sent to him by the Jewish Evangelization Society asking him for a license to preach in the streets of the city, wrote as follows:

"Reverend and Dear Sir: It seems to me that this work of proselytizing from other religions and sects is often carried too far. Do you think that Jews have a good religion? Have not the Christians appropriated the entire Jewish Sacred Scriptures? Was not the New Testament also written entirely by Jews? Was not Jesus also born of the Jewish Race, if I may speak of it with due

planations but, of course, there is only **one** practice.

The laws of this commandment are as follows: (a) A Nazirite who cuts his hair either purposely or accidentally must wait 30 days for the hair to grow and then begin to count the days he failed to complete. (b) If he drinks wine whilst he is a Nazirite, he is punished. (c) If he is נטמא למת "he makes himself ritually unclean by contact with a dead body," then after he cuts his hair and after his purification, both of which are necessary, he must count the days of his Naziriteship all over again.

All forms of expression that the person utters that indicate Naziriteship are valid. For instance, if a Nazirite passes by, and one says, "I shall be like him." So, also, if one said, "I become a Nazirite only for the seed of grapes, or in regard to keeping myself free from טומאה "ritual impurity", he becomes a full Nazir.

Although we have learned that the laws of the Nazirite pertain only to the Land of Israel, nevertheless, outside of Palestine, even today, we have taken upon ourselves the restriction. Therefore, he who declares himself to become a Nazirite in the "galut", in the "diaspora", must fulfill the days of his Naziriteship for the rest of his life because we do not have the Holy Temple now wherein he may bring his atonement offerings.

These laws pertain to all places and at all times, and refer to male and female.

reverence? Did not we Christians get much, or the most, of what we have from the Jews? Why should anyone work so hard to proselytize the Jews? His pure belief in the one true living G-d comes down to us even from the twilight of fable and is one of the unbroken lineages and traditions of the world.

"I do not think I should give you a license to preach for the conversion of the Jews in the streets in the thickly settled Jewish neighborhood which you designate. Would you not annoy them and do more harm than good? How many Jews have you converted so far?

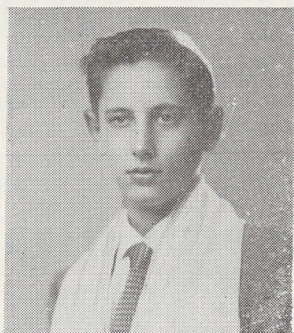
Very truly yours,

W. J. GAYNOR."

YOUTH CONGREGATION TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Jacob Golden announces that the Youth Congregation will meet next Saturday morning, December 3, under the leadership of Rabbi Preil. Jason Jacobowitz will read the Torah.

BAR MITZVAH



Martin Gold

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gold upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Martin, which will take place in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

YOUTH ELECTIONS

The month of November was a month of elections in a number of W.S.I.S. youth groups as well as in many American municipalities.

Elliot (Buddy) Herskowitz was elected President of the **Collegiates**. The Collegiates' Executive Board will also consist of Cecile Censor and Hadassah Inselbuch.

The Collegiates plan to have a guest speaker at their Oneg Shabbat every other Friday night. Rabbi Preil will speak to the group this Friday evening about "Comparative Religions." The Oneg Shabbat will begin at 8:15 P.M.

The newly elected officers of the **Maccabees** are: President, "Big Jack" Wohl; Vice-President, "Little Jack" Wohl; Treasurer, Samuel

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	4:12
Weekly Portion: Toldos	
Friday Evening Service	4:20
Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh	
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children	
2 1/2 to 5	10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	3:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	3:00
Mincha Service	4:00
Reader of Torah: Norman Kamerman	
Reader of Service: Bernard Israel	
Speaker: Morty Cohen	
The Sabbath Terminates	5:00
Sunday Morning Service	6:45, 8:45
Special Young People's (boys and girls)	
Service and Breakfast	9:10
Guest Speaker: Max Lazarus	
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:20
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	

Ward; and Secretary, Helen Hoppenfeld.

The Maccabees meet Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock. In addition, they play basketball on Tuesday nights in the gymnasium of the High School of Commerce.

A new group in the W.S.I.S. this year is the **Royals**. It is for boys from the age of 11 and above. Burt Shaller is President, Martin Gold is Vice-President, and Elliot Wohl is Secretary-Treasurer.

The Royals meet every Saturday evening at 7:30 P.M. They play basketball at the Jewish Center on Sunday afternoons.

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Getting Personal

It goes without saying that in the present "shekel" campaign it behooves all our members and friends to purchase their shekels through the Mizrahi or the Hapoel Hamizrachi, which are the Orthodox branches of the Zionist movement . . . Several of our women reflected credit upon the W.S.I.S. last week in their outside activities. . . . Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel was the capable Chairman of the Evening at the Jewish Community School Dinner . . . Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim and her daughter, Mrs. William B. Herlands, both delivered most impressive and effective talks on "American Projects for Israel" at the National Conference of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America . . . The recent Women's League Fashion Show disclosed the presence, in our midst, of the following charming models: Mrs. Samuel K. Beier, Mrs. Al Braff, Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mrs. Joshua Levine, and Miss Ronnie Weiss. . . The abilities of Mrs. Allen Fox, the musical accompanist for that occasion, have long been known to us. . . . **Congratulations** to Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron Soloveitchick upon the birth of a son. Mrs. Soloveitchick was a popular teacher in our Talmud Torah . . . **Welcome home** to Mr. Meyer Davis . . . **Felicitations** to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silver who will be feted this Sunday with a Siyum Hatorah by the Yeshiva and Mesifita Rabbi Israel Salanter Ahavath Torah in honor of their silver wedding anniversary . . . Glad to **welcome** at Services Mrs. A. Matison, of Tel Aviv, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Morris Segerman, our Women's League Executive Board member. . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Abeloff upon the engagement of their son, Monroe Jay, to Sonya Zelda Levy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Levy . . . **Happy Birthday** to Director Joseph Buchsbaum, Lawrence Robert Hecht, George Jablow, Mrs. Lea Jacobowitz, Jay Kobrin, William Label, Director Morris Levine, Director Gustave Roth, 2nd Vice-President Samuel W. Siegel, Mrs. Jack Slayner, William Sobel . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. David Gertz, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney N. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schlegman, and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Yavneh.

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