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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

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The Knesset Building, which houses the Parliament of Israel, together with its spacious grounds, is situated right on the Ocean front, as it were, facing the board-walk in Tel Aviv. The broad expanse of the Mediterranean was stretched out before us, as far as the eyes could see, and its beautiful blue waters looked so inviting, particularly as it was a very hot day. However, our time schedule did not permit of so trivial an activity as "a dip."

In front of the Knesset Building we found ourselves in the midst of swarms of children who held a pen in one hand and an album, with the pictures of the members of the Knesset, in the other. It has become a custom for these young worshippers to hang around, at the entrance, and try to secure the autographs of the Knesset members, under their respective pictures, in their album. Dad's friend, Mr. Loewenstein, a member of the Knesset, whose guests we were, was with us, hence all the excitement.

On the front of the Knesset Building is a very large replica of the seal of the State of Israel—two olive branches entwined with a menorah in the middle—Israel's mission to the world—Light and Peace.

The entrance to the Knesset Building is very carefully guarded, but accompanied, as we were, by Mr. Loewenstein and Jacob Herzog, who occupies a very important position in the Ministry of Religion, we were permitted to enter.

A large patio leads into the clean, inviting Kosher Cafeteria, conducted for Knesset members and their friends. Here we had lunch, and then we were taken in to see the meeting-place of the Israeli Parliament. Dad said this was an occasion for a "Shehechyanoo" had I agreed with him. It was truly thrilling to think that we were privileged to stand in the Seat of Government of the State of Israel.

The arrangement of this impressive looking room is quite similar to that of our House of Representa-

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TALMUD TORAH NEWS

The New Term in our Religious School will begin early in January.

Parents should be interested in a new Beginner's Class which will start at that time. **Register your children now for the new term!**

Parents are urged to acknowledge the 'personalized' report cards which have just been distributed to our pupils.

On Saturday morning, January 15 at 10 A.M., all children of our neighborhood are invited to a free Movie Show and Enrollment Rally at the RKO - 81st Street Theatre. There will be free door prizes. Parents may accompany the children. Free tickets are available in the Talmud Torah office. Get yours now! This affair is sponsored by the Committee on Orthodox Jewish Education of the West Side.

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W.S.I.S. BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF "AIDA", SUNDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 29th



Robert Merrill

Robert Merrill, famed baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will sing the role of Amonasro in our benefit performance of Verdi's beautiful opera, "Aida", at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 29. You are urged to reserve your seats immediately for this family reunion of the members and friends of the W.S.I.S. by phoning the office, TR 7-8281. The ticket prices range from \$2.50 to \$20.

Mr. Merrill's voice is familiar to many Americans as a result of his popular Sunday afternoon radio show. He received one of the highest compliments ever paid to any singer when Maestro Arturo Toscanini selected him to sing the role of Germond in another one of Verdi's operas, "La Traviata", last season. His recording of this role was selected as the outstanding single operatic record of the year by the Recorded Annual Musical Award.

FAST OF TEBETH

The Fast of the Tenth of Tebeth will take place next Friday, December 30. The Fast begins in the morning at sunrise and continues until the Friday evening services are completed. This Fast commemorates the siege that King Nebuchadnezzar and his armies began at the time of the destruction of the First Temple. It is the only Fast on the Jewish calendar which ever takes place on a Friday.



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STORY AND MUSIC OF "AIDA"

(Continued from last week)

Amneris (Margaret Harshaw), the Pharaoh's daughter, enters while Rhadames (Kurt Baum) is still joyfully singing "Celeste Aida." He confuses her by refusing to give a direct reply regarding his happiness.

The King (Philip Kinsman) and his courtly retinue appear on the scene. He announces that the Ethiopians, led by King Amonasro (Robert Merrill) who is Aida's father, have invaded Thebes. He informs the enthusiastically patriotic crowd that Rhadames will lead the defending Egyptian army.

Finally, Aida (Stella Roman) occupies the stage alone. She undergoes an emotional struggle as a result of the impending combat between the armies led by her father and her lover. Her doubts and fears are expressed in the well-known aria, "Ritorno Vincitor" (Return Victorious). As the curtain falls, she sinks to the ground with the cry "Now let me die!"

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DO YOU HAVE
YOUR OPERA RESERVATIONS,
— IF NOT, NOW IS THE TIME!



378th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS "The Priests Are Commanded To Bless Israel Every Day." By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The priests are commanded to bless Israel every day, as it is written in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 6, verse 23: "Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying; in this wise shall you bless the children of Israel."

The purpose of this commandment is that the Holy One, blessed be He, because of His great kindness, wanted to bless Israel. He did this through His servants, who dwelt at all times in the House of the L—d. All their thoughts were concentrated upon serving Him. Therefore, G-d wanted such people upon whom blessing rested, to bless Israel.

The question may be asked if G-d wants to bless us, why does He need the priests? No, it depends upon our good deeds. If so, why is blessing necessary? The answer is given in a homely fashion; namely, that after one has prepared the flour and the water for bread, it is best completed by the addition of an enrichment, a shortening, a fat or oil, and

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tives in Washington—a platform for the President, the Speaker of the House and the major officers—a balcony for visitors, and on the floor, semi-circular rows of seats, with a long Committee-table running half-way through the center of the room. This place is, wisely, air-conditioned, for, besides the usual heat of Tel Aviv, the heat of the many debates and arguments, here, make a little cooling off highly desirable.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The next open meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Monday evening, January 16th. The guest speaker of the evening will be Congressman Arthur G. Klein, who will report on his recent visit to Germany and other countries of Europe as a representative of the U. S. Government.

so forth.

We Israelites call on "the Cohanim," the priests, to bless us. We must do something to warrant the call. First of all, we must be in the Synagogue. Second, we must be worthy of the benediction. If we purify ourselves then we are truly prepared for a blessing. We cannot come as Esau, and his descendants do, with their hands full of blood, and ask for blessing.

There is a saying in the Talmud, one should prepare oneself an hour before prayer and then pray. After prayer one should stay for another hour. What is the significance of this? The late Rabbi Jeruchim of the Yeshivah of Mir, said: When a flask is lifted up high and you let it go of a sudden, it falls, it breaks and the contents are lost. Thus, if we do not have the rushed feeling, glad that our prayers are over, we do not lose the inspiration of the prayers. If we look at the watch all the time then prayer is a burden. As workmen we are restless to hear the gong, as it were, to let go. I always feel on the High Holy Days, the truth of the verse of the 24th Psalm which says: "Who shall ascend the mountain of the L—d, and who shall remain there?" We are privileged to ascend the mountain of the L—d, on the High Holy Days, to enter into the awesome spirit of Repentance and new resolutions. But how many of us remain with **that** spirit, for the rest of the year? So, too, in regard to the blessing of the priests. We must prepare ourselves and be ready to receive their benediction, as His choicest representatives.

WANTED: MUSICIANS FOR W.S.I.S. ENSEMBLE

The Social Department is happy to announce that a musical ensemble is being formed in the W.S.I.S. under the leadership of Mr. Kalman Kinnory.

Mr. Kinnory is a professional musician who arrived recently from England. The high quality of Mr. Kinnory's ability was attested to in the past few weeks when he was offered a post in the violin section of the Philadelphia Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, which is conducted by Eugene Ormandy. Mr. Kinnory, however, had to refuse this flattering offer because he is a Sabbath observer.

All people in the Synagogue who are interested in joining our ensemble should contact Rabbi Preil immediately.

YOUTH NOTES . . .

The Collegiates will have an Oneg Shabbat this evening (Friday) at 8:15 P.M. Hadassah Inselbuch will lead the discussion. Her theme is: "The Birth and Life of a Kibbutz in Israel." Following the discussion, refreshments will be served and Israeli songs will be sung. All young people of college age are invited to attend.

An organizational meeting of a Post-Bar Mitzvah Fraternity will be held at the home of Rabbi Reichel on Friday night, Dec. 23rd at 7:30 o'clock.

The Royals have been quite active in recent weeks. Inasmuch as they play basketball at the Jewish Center gymnasium every Sunday afternoon, they have ordered uniforms for their team. Their athletic program, plus their trips to various radio programs, have resulted in making the Royals a very lively group.

There is an active group for young people of all ages in our Synagogue.

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Friday Evening Service 4:25
Saturday Morning Services 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:30
P'sukei D'zimroh: Gerry Spanier
Baal Shachris: Ira Tumpowsky
Story: Alice Gottlieb
Baal Mussaf: Michael Friedman
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children
2 1/2 to 5 10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:15
Oneg Shabbos 3:30
Mincha Service 4:15
Reader of Torah: Leisha Langer
Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh
The Sabbath Terminates 5:01
Sunday Morning Service 6:45; 8:45
Daily Services: 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Friday Morning
(Fast of Tebeth) 6:30, 7:30, 8:05
Mincha 4:25
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

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