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will help to transport and resettle in Israel Jews who are now living in danger of persecution. It will help make it possible to give the new promise in Israel's transit camps, the homes which they so urgently need in order to begin constructive lives. It will enable the United Jewish Appeal's agencies to give food and medical care to needy Jews in Europe and the Moslem countries and to provide training and other assistance designed to make themselves self-supporting.

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The satisfaction we get out of helping is often its own reward. Beyond that you will have the thanks of all those who will receive new hope and opportunity as a result of your generous and sympathetic support of the United Jewish Appeal.

So please mail in your check to our Synagogue for the United Jewish Appeal. Let it be said that every member of the West Side Institutional Synagogue has given for the United Jewish Appeal as much as he possibly could. Please do not delay.

JACOB KAPLAN
Chairman

OUR SYNAGOGUE IS READY TO SERVE YOU

Are there any "simchas" in your family in the near future? If there are, our Synagogue is ready to help you make it a most inspiring and memorable affair. Only last summer we spent a considerable sum to decorate our Social Hall.

It is with a great deal of pride, therefore, that we invite you to celebrate your family's weddings, Bar Mitzvahs and other happy events in our building.

A CALL TO W.S.I.S. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MR. LESTER UDELL

WOMEN'S LEAGUE DUTCH SUPPER SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 7th

The co-chairmen of our forthcoming Dutch Supper, Mesdames Siegfried Bendheim, Samuel W. Siegel and Lester Udell, urge all the members of our Congregation and their friends, who would like to join us, on Sunday night, to make their reservations at once.

Check of \$3 per person, should be made payable to Women's League, W.S.I.S. and mailed to Dutch Supper Committee, c/o W.S.I.S., 120 W. 76th Street.

Supper will be followed by games. There will be no raffles but a very handsome door prize donated by Mrs. Abraham Perchik will be awarded.

The Dutch Supper Committee includes Mesdames Sol Bellsey, Allen Fox, Louis Davis, Anna Dworkin, Jacob Goodman, Maurice Greenstein, Leopold Hirsch, Jeanette Karp, George L. Livingston, Morris Segerman, Jules Shaftan, Harry Verschleiser and Jess Ward.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE

All young married couples are cordially invited to attend the final meeting of the season of the Mr. & Mrs. League, Sunday night, May 7th at 8:30 o'clock, in the Council Room.

On the Agenda are:

- "Photography" by Sanford Solarz
- Plans for Picnic
- Plans for Baseball Team
- Social and Refreshments

Make every effort to be with us. We'll be glad to assist re the Baby Sitter problem.

BIBLE READINGS

Those of our readers who have been conscientiously maintaining the pace of the Bible Reading Brigade have the great satisfaction of knowing that they are about to complete the second book of our Holy Writings in a few more days.

This Week's Bible Readings Are:

Sat.	May 6	Judges, Chapter 12	☐
Sun.	May 7	" "	13 ☐
Mon.	May 8	" "	14 ☐
Tues.	May 9	" "	15 ☐
Wed.	May 10	" "	16 ☐
Thurs.	May 11	" "	17 ☐
Fri.	May 12	" "	18 ☐



Lester Udell

In a special message to all our readers, our beloved President, Mr. Lester Udell, has issued the following statement:

"We can proudly point to our beautiful Synagogue, and to the many and varied services it offers young people and adults, because you, our readers, have helped make it so.

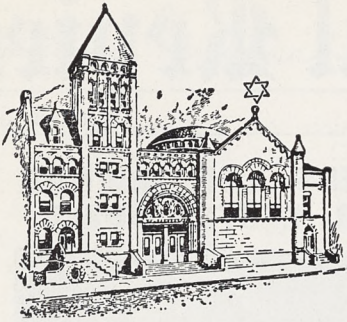
"This year we are honoring Mr. Harold Kaplan, who has served the W.S.I.S. steadily and loyally. He deserves this due recognition through your greeting in the 1950 Souvenir Album—and **your** Synagogue, the W.S.I.S., needs your continued support.

"Help make the Bar Mitzvah Souvenir Journal go over the top in every way. Please send your own greeting today — and try to have your friends and business associates share in this mitzvah."

DO YOU PLAY BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL?

With the advent of baseball weather these warm spring days, a number of our younger groups are taking advantage of the athletic and recreational activities involved. Beginning with the energetic Royals and ascending the chronological ladder to the youthfully dignified Mr. and Mrs. League, our younger people are planning outings which include ball games. If you care to join any of these groups, please contact Rabbi Preil.

It is interesting to note that girls as well as young men actively participate in and are welcome at these events.



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JEWISH WAR VETERANS NEWS

The Buddy Friedman Post, Jewish War Veterans of the W.S.I.S. will meet Wednesday evening, May 10th at 8:30 o'clock. All veterans are invited to attend.

MACCABEES TO VISIT
STEEPLECHASE PARK
THIS SUNDAY

The Maccabees will inaugurate Coney Island's summer festivities by paying a visit to Steeplechase Park this Sunday, May 7. Boys and girls of advanced high-school and college age are invited to join the fun-seeking group when it leaves the Synagogue on Sunday morning at 11 A.M.

Please Note!

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



392nd OF THE 613
 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS
 "To Redeem the First Born Male."
 By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I

We are to redeem the first born male. This is a commandment upon all men in Israel, to redeem from the priest the son, who is the first born of his mother, for it is written in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 18, verses 15 and 16: "Everything that openeth the womb, in all flesh, whether it be of men or beast, shall be thine. Nevertheless, the first born of man shalt thou redeem, and the firstling of the unclean beasts shalt thou redeem." Verse 6, "And those that are to be redeemed, from a month old shalt thou redeem them, according to the estimation for the money of five shekels." The words "פטר רחם" means the "opening of the womb," namely the first that opens the womb of the mother. For that reason, our Sages have laid down the law that a child born after a miscarriage, (after forty days of conception), is not regarded as a first born, to be redeemed by the priest. However, he is regarded as a

EXCERPTS FROM
 LAST SUMMER'S DIARY
 OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

August 22, 1949

We finally reached Beer-Sheba which consists of 100 families and a very large army camp. Stopped in a cafe for a drink. Nearly every person in the cafe was a soldier.

As we resumed our trip we came across several Bedouins travelling on camels. If we were looking for proof that the NEGEV was partially a desert, this sight provided it, for the camel is traditionally associated with the desert, being the only animal which can live without food and water for an extended period. These were the first camels we had seen on this trip. When we were here a number of years ago, and the land was full of Arabs, camels were plentiful all over the country and even in the streets of Jerusalem.

"AS
 R'CHASH
 SEES
 IT"

first born to receive two parts of the inheritance of his father's estate. After a Caesarian operation, there is no Redemption of the First Born.

The laws of this commandment are that the first born male Israelite was and still is, redeemed by five silver shekels (dollars) after 30 days of its birth. This period of time is fixed, because it is not certain whether a child has been prematurely born until it has completed 30 full days of life. For it is written in verse 16, "and those that are to be redeemed, from a month old shalt thou redeem them."

The father is obliged to carry out this commandment. If the father trespasses and does not want to redeem his son, then the boy, as he gets older, must redeem himself. The redemption in all cases is by means of the five silver (dollars) shekels, or something that has the intrinsic value of five dollars. However, slaves, land and notes are to be excepted. If they are used for redemption purposes, the redemption is invalid. The five shekels may be given to one male priest, or part of it to a number of male priests, as it is written, "to Aaron and his sons." If the priest wants to return the five dollars to the father of the child, he may do so. However, the father may not give it to him with this provision, namely that it be returned. He must give it to him as a gift, without any mental reservations. However, if the priest is willing to enter into an arrangement, that he will receive it as a gift, but that he will return it, then the child is also regarded as redeemed.

Our taxi-driver had just pointed out that we were passing the site of Sodom and Gemorrah, (no traces of which are left), when we suddenly got a flat tire. Two passing truck drivers obligingly stopped to help us out. After twenty minutes in the hot sun of the desert (it must have been hard on our ancestors to have this for forty years) we were on our way again.

A long ride brought us to a different part of the country, where the ground was as fertile as the NEGEV was barren.

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TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Murray Weinberg

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

A SPECIAL MESSAGE
TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Rabbi Reichel is anxious to entertain suggestions regarding topics of subject matter for his sermons which our congregants feel would be of especial interest to them. Just send a note to Rabbi Reichel, c/o W.S.I.S.

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Friday Night Omer: 34

Weekly Portion: Emor

4th Chapter—Ethics of the Fathers

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Services 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children

2½ to 5 10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Girls) 3:45

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 6:40

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 6:40

Mincha Service 7:40

Reader of Torah: Gideon Goldman

Reader of Service: Moishe Gottlieb

The Sabbath Terminates 8:32

Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:30, 9:00

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 8:00

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Reichel

LAG B'OMER
(33rd DAY IN OMER)
TODAY (FRIDAY)

Lag B'Omer is a semi-festival which occurs during the period between Pesach and Shevuos and falls on the 18th day of the Hebrew month of "Iyar."

The last bid for Independence on Palestinian soil was in the year 132 C.E. A revolution against Rome was led by Bar Kochba—literally, "Son of a Star"—a man of great strength who devoted himself to the liberation of the Land of Israel. The revolt which he started during Hadrian's reign lasted three years (132-135 C.E.). He rallied the Jewish forces but was ultimately crushed, falling in battle on the ninth day of Ab, a sad date in Jewish history.

During this revolution, Rabbi Akiba, an outstanding scholar of his day, joined forces with Bar Kochba. Rabbi Akiba's pupils also rallied to Bar Kochba's assistance. But their support was considerably weakened because of a terrible plague which raged among them. In commemoration of these unfortunate events which by a strange coincidence, occurred during the days of "Sefira," we observe a period of solemnity during the interval between Pesach and Shevuos, and abstain from joyous occasions, like weddings, parties, concerts, etc.

On the thirty-third day of the Omer according to tradition the pestilence among Rabbi Akiba's disciples ceased. Hence Lag B'Omer is called "the Scholar's Festival" and weddings and other festivities forbidden during the Seven Weeks may be held that day.

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GETTING PERSONAL

There's a treat in store for you when you will see our Young People take over the Services in the Main Synagogue next Friday night and Saturday, May 12th and 13th. Come with your whole family! . . . Our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein radioed their Shabbos Greetings to the entire Congregation from aboard the SS LaGuardia en route to Israel . . . We were happy to **welcome** to our Sabbath services Assistant District Attorney Edward S. Silver of Brooklyn and Mr. Abraham L. Bayer of Los Angeles . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. William Goldstein upon the birth of a daughter.

. . . We wish Mrs. Philip Gertner and Mrs. Irving Stebbins a speedy **recovery** . . . Leonard Feinstein is enjoying the visit of his mother and father from England. We would also like to meet them, Leonard . . .

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Noel Aronovici, Mrs. Pauline Barnett, Mrs. Estelle Baskowitz, Ira Bellsey, Mrs. Anna Verschleiser and Jess Ward . . .

Anniversary Greetings to Director and Mrs. Sol Bellsey . . . Hope to see Stanley Kaplan back in Shul real soon . . . Bon Voyage to Mrs. Bernard Schapiro on her trip to Europe . . . **Congratulations** to our kindergarten teacher Miss Phyllis Engel upon her engagement to Rabbi Irwin Levy.

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