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EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN FROM ISRAEL, 5710-1950

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It is awe-inspiring to watch the prophecies foretold in the Bible becoming realities under our very eyes. We read that "A time will come when there will be an 'Ingathering of the Exiles', and when the Children of Israel will return in Zion, from the four corners of the Earth." In the days of Cyrus, King of Persia, there was a return just of the Jews of Babylon to what they regarded as their homeland. Today, we are witnessing the transplanting of entire communities of Jews, both from the Oriental Countries of the Middle East and from the Occidental Countries of Europe, to the "Land of their Fathers," as the majority of these new refugees regard Israel.

By far the major portion of these immigrants who are now arriving by the thousands, each week, are extremely pious and observant. If they are properly and speedily educated to a civilized way of life, to replace their present primitive mode of living and mental approach to conditions about them, they can (by force of numbers, in a genuinely democratic government like Israel's) become a powerful religionizing influence in the formulation of the Laws of the State.

One of the many important matters on the agenda of the Knesset, this week, is the question of Citizenship. Immediately after the Declaration of Independence, here, in May, 1948, an ordinance was enacted abolishing the British Mandate's discrimination between legal and "illegal immigration." This ordinance decreed that "every Jew has a right to immigrate to Israel." A certificate to this effect is now to be issued to every Jewish applicant unless the Minister of Immigration is convinced that the applicant is guilty of hostile action against the State of Israel, or that he may endanger public health or security.

If the Citizenship Law is passed, in the form that is now suggested, it will do away with the misgivings of many citizens who are uncertain of the effect of Israel citizenship on their relationship to their countries of origin.

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CANTOR ZALMON YAVNEH

Yom Kippur Notes

With the solemn and melodious chanting of Kol Nidre, Jews throughout the world will usher in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Yom Kippur is also known as Yom Hadin, the Day of Judgment. On this day we offer a fervent prayer that the Almighty fulfill our wishes for a Happy New Year.

Kol Nidre is by far the most impressive prayer of the Yom Kippur service. The words of Kol Nidre comprise the standard text used for annulment of vows and oaths which were made during the year and were not fulfilled. It must be remembered that the vows and oaths which can be annulled by the Kol Nidre are only those which an individual voluntarily assumes for himself alone, and in which no other person's interests are involved. The formula is restricted only to those vows concerning the relationship of man to his G-d.

The fasting on Yom Kippur starts from before sundown and lasts till after stars have appeared on the following day. We refrain from wearing leather shoes on this day, also as a sign of affliction and humility.

Notwithstanding the solemnity of the Day of Judgment, the Jew has faith in his Heavenly Father and finds himself in a cheerful and confident spirit. Thus, we dress in holiday attire, while the elders of the congregation dress in white robes,

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS Very Important Board Meeting

at the home of
MRS. HARRY WARD
Monday, September 18th, 1950
at 12 noon.

SUCCOS PREPARATIONS

Now is the time to arrange for the purchase of an Esrog and a Lulav for the celebration of Succos. . . . Now is the time to make reservations for the Succos meals for yourself as well as for the members of your family.

For further information please call the synagogue office.

A RECURRING PROBLEM

The Jewish Festival of Succos will fall on school days, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26 and 27, and Shmini Atzeres and Simchas Torah on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3 and 4, this season.

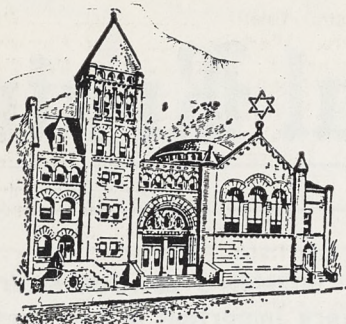
Whilst this is no problem to students of the Jewish All Day Schools and Yeshivoth, the vast majority of Jewish youth, who attend secular schools, will have to absent themselves these two days.

Students should bring to the attention of the school authorities, **well in advance** that there are many students of the Jewish faith—in some classes a majority—who should not be penalized for missing examinations and "special" lectures, because they cannot attend school or write on Biblical Festivals. If necessary, do not hesitate to call upon your rabbi to assist you.

Our young people must realize that this situation, serious as it may be, is but one of the many challenges in life that they will have to face as Jews. They should grasp this as another opportunity they have as loyal Americans to establish their rights to Freedom of Religion, one of the cornerstones of our blessed country.

A GIFT SUGGESTION

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YOM KIPPUR

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dispelling any possible air of sadness or dejection.

The Yom Kippur day can only atone for those sins that concern man's relationship to G-d. Those sins, however, which man commits against his fellow-man, can be pardoned only after the pardon of his fellow-man has been obtained.

Yizkor, memorial services, are said during the day. The name of the beloved departed is mentioned in the prayer, which petitions for the peace of the soul. This serves as an opportune moment for meditating on improving our ways by following in the paths of our beloved ones.

The closing service of the day is "Neilah". This affords the last opportunity to beseech the Almighty for forgiveness before our fate is sealed. The day is then concluded with the sounding of the Shofar. Everyone greets his neighbor joyously with the prayerful wish—that the New Year bring happiness and glad tidings to all.



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397th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS Concerning The Red Heifer By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein II

The Red Heifer had to be three or four years old. However, if she was older, she was also kosher. If the Heifer possessed two black or white hairs, that would make her unfit. If it was a dwarf, she was nevertheless kosher. If it had hairs whose roots were red, and whose points were of another color, we would decide according to the color of the roots. We cut the tops of its hairs off, down to the red roots.

The Red Heifer was to be one "upon which a yoke never came." In other words, no work was done by her. Even if one put his coat upon the Heifer and she carried it along, this made the Red Heifer unfit for the sacrifice.

The Red Heifer was bought from the Temple Treasury.

If there was a blemish on the Red Heifer, she was redeemed, and became secular food.

The one who burned the Red Heifer had to be in a state of ritual purity just like the High Priest, for the service on the Day of Atonement. He was separated from his wife and his home, during this period. Every day during his separation, he was sprinkled upon, with the ashes of the Red Heifer and he who did the sprinkling was to be one who had never been unclean.

All the ashes that were used for the ashes of the Red Heifer, were of stones, because stones do not become unclean.

The Red Heifer was burned on the Mount of Olives.

This law prevailed in Temple times and was incumbent upon the whole congregation. Our Rabbis say that there were only nine Red Heifers from Moses until the destruction of the Second Temple. The first one, Moses had prepared, the second Ezra, and there were seven between the days of Ezra and the destruction of the Second Temple. And the tenth, the anointed king, the Redeemer of Israel, shall prepare, we hope, soon, in our day.

It is customary throughout Israel to read this section concerning the Red Heifer year after year on the Sabbath before the special Parsha Hachodesh, and there is never a break in the order, namely the Parsha Hachodesh comes always after Parsha Haparah, and the Sabbath of Parsha Hachodesh is always the Sabbath before the month of Nissan.

UNVEILING

On Sunday morning, September 17th, at 11 o'clock, the unveiling of the monument of Lillyan Jacobs, beloved wife of our Director Edward Jacobs, will take place on our grounds at Mount Eden Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, Westchester, New York.

Free Movie For Your Children

Your children of Talmud Torah age are invited to attend a free movie at the RKO-81st St. Theatre, on Sunday morning, September 19th, at 9:45 o'clock. This affair is sponsored by the Committee on Orthodox Education of the West Side.

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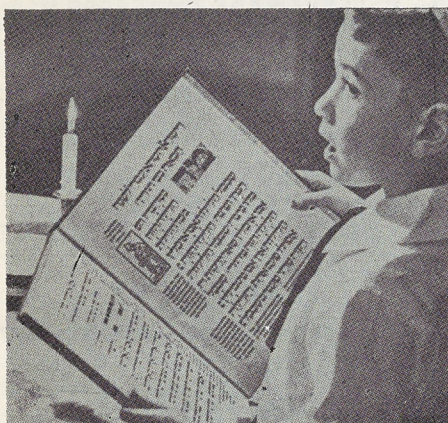
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Do not delay. Register your children now. For further information please call our Talmud Torah office.

NEWLY ARRIVED NEIGHBORS

If you, our reader, or any of your friends have just moved into our neighborhood, we would like to invite you to share our synagogue with us, as your spiritual home. Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Reichel would be glad to assist you in making your social as well as religious adjustment. Our phone number is TR 7-8281.

DIARY FROM ISRAEL

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Naturally, people in this country are automatically citizens. So, also, are immigrants, and this, **without having to apply formally for Israel citizenship.** The object of this is to obviate that loss by the person concerned of his existing nationality, which, under the law of many countries, compulsorily follows the act of application for a new citizenship.

Jews have been hardest hit, probably, of all peoples, by the illiberality of the nationality laws of many countries. The draftees of the Israeli nationality laws have tried their best to foresee and prevent such difficulties here.

RECEPTION TO YOUNG FOLKS

On Sunday evening, October 1st, the W. S. I. S. Social Clubs will have a reception to the young people of our Congregational family who were abroad this summer. Please reserve this date.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 6:42

Weekly Portion: Vayelech

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Services 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:30

Rabbi Hurwitz's Pilpul 6:00

Mincha Service 6:45

The Sabbath Terminates 7:30

Sunday Morning Selichos

followed by Services 6:45, 8:30

Daily Services

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday

Selichos 6:30 and 8:00

followed by Services about 6:50, 8:20

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Mincha Services

Erev Yom Kippur 2:30 to 4:30

Light Candles up to 6:37

Kol Nidre 6:40

Youth Service Kol Nidre 6:40

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday Morning 8:20

Youth Service 8:20

Junior Congregation 10:30

Yom Kippur Terminates 7:24

Friday Morning 6:45, 8:10

Daily Mincha followed by Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

This Week's Bible Readings:

Sat. Sept. 16—Samuel II Chapter 8 ☐

Sun. Sept. 17— " " 9 ☐

Mon. Sept. 18— " " 10 ☐

Tues. Sept. 19— " " 11 ☐

Wed. Sept. 20— " " 12 ☐

Thurs., Sept. 21— " " 13 ☐

Fri. Sept. 22— " " 14 ☐

OUR SUCCAH

To beautify our Succah we are in need of flowers and greens. If you have a home in the country, we urge you to help us by sending whatever you can spare to the Synagogue.

THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION

We urge all of you to think of tomorrow, by arranging now, when you are able to do so calmly and deliberately, for a resting place for yourself and family and save your survivors the stress and strain of doing so in time of crises.

Our Memorial Park is worthy of your consideration. It is located at Mt. Eden Cemetery in Westchester County.

Call up our office for information.

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SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

For our young people of all age levels who have a variety of interests, we are happy to announce that the following groups are being organized at the W.S.I.S.

(1) Pre-band instrument groups—music instruction on the tonette including music theory, reading notes and mastering this instrument.

(2) Arts and Crafts

(3) Choir—Hebrew and Yiddish Music in simplified yet interesting choral arrangements.

If you wish to join one of these groups, or if you want further information call the Social Department.

YOU STILL CAN BE YOU

If you were on . . . our Talmud Torah Committee, **you** would see to it that you would talk to your neighbors about registering their children (with your own) in our modern Talmud Torah and Daily Afternoon Kindergarten.

If you were on . . . our Youth Committee, **you** would see to it that our Social Director should have your children and grandchildren on his mailing list.

If you were on . . . our Membership Committee, **you** would bring new members and new worshippers to join our Congregational Family.

If you have the W.S.I.S. spirit you can be **you** every day. Start today.

Please Note!

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

Getting Personal

WITH S. S.

These are days of soul-searching, repentance and prayer. To our members and friends we express our heartfelt hopes that all their prayers for the year 5711 will be realized . . . The entire congregation was spiritually thrilled to hear once again the Shofar sounded by Mr. Israel Kestenbaum . . . And speaking of the New Year, the multitudinous and varied activities planned for our congregation, for the oldest to the youngest of the members, will soon be hitting into high gear, and we are confident that they will all reach new highs in achievement . . . Marriage, we are happy to say, continues to be a very popular institution with the children of our members, and so our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Max Denberg, upon the marriage of their son, Irwin to Roslyn Stern; to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Stern upon the marriage of their son, Edward S., to Bernice Chesler; and to Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Turtz upon the marriage of their daughter, Muriel, to Dr. Alan Robert Small . . . More new members for W. S. I. S. we hope: Mazeltov to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Schacter and to Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph Lookstein upon the birth of Steven Jacob to their children Dan and Nathalie Schacter.

Flash! Naomi, the daughter of our beloved Rabbi and Rebbetzin, and Howard Kaplan, son of our Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, have just flown in from Israel. It is heartening to know that even the wonders of Israel could not dim the fond memories of the W. S. I. S. Naomi plans to return after the Holy Days A pat on the back and felicitations to Dr. Henry Reichlin who has been appointed to the faculty of the American Theatre Wing for G. I.'s A very happy birthday to Morris Aronoff, Judith Bendheim, Irving Blatt, Mrs. Felicia Dym, Isidore Ehrman, Gabriel F. Goldstein, Marilyn Rubenstein, Therese Marcia Tum-powsky. Getting married is one thing, staying married is quite another. So hearty anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Schraub, Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Wiggs. Mr. Julius Turner, one of England's Jewish leaders, is with us for the High Holidays . . . We wish you well over the Fast.

HOW GOOD ARE YOU ON YOUR SYNAGOGUE ETIQUETTE?

- (1) While the sermon is preached, the doors are closed.
True..... False.....
- (2) While the Chazan is repeating the Amidah one may speak freely to his neighbor.
True..... False.....
- (3) It is proper to bring your pocket-book, newspapers, packages, etc. on the Sabbath to the Synagogue.
True..... False.....
- (4) Intermission periods are listed in your Prayer Books.
True..... False.....
- (5) The W.S.I.S. has a special Sabbath Kindergarten Service for children between the ages of 3 and 6.
True..... False.....
- (6) Children may run in and out of the Synagogue at will since they cannot follow the service.
True..... False.....
- (7) On rainy Sabbath mornings one should wear a raincoat and rain hat as a substitute for an umbrella.
True..... False.....

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