

"SUCCOS BEGINS MONDAY NIGHT"

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

Sunday Morning, May 21

Yesterday afternoon Dad and Naomi took me for an airing in my wheel-chair. The streets were full of people. Everybody, old and young, is out walking or standing around and SCHMOOSING on SHABBAT. It is an odd sight to see the older people, men and women, sitting on the sidewalks with their feet crossed, under them. Where we live is predominantly an oriental section. People in the more cosmopolitan parts of Jerusalem do not do this. The children and young people all look so wholesome, peppy and animated. That does not hold good for the older people. The new generation that is growing up here, shows the special attention which is being paid here, to the young. That is one way of building up the land—building for the future.

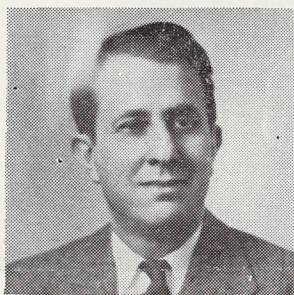
Tuesday, May 23rd—Yom Tov Night Out

I presume you would like to hear about Shevuoth in Jerusalem, and in all Israel. Great stress is laid upon the "Hag Habikurim", "the Festival of the First Fruit",—phase of the festival. An attempt is made at a symbolic revival of the custom of bringing the first ripe fruits, as an offering.

With fine psychological insight, this ceremony is regarded as the privilege and duty of the children. Thus, "First Fruit Festivals" were held in all the kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools throughout the country. Every child dressed in pure white (the girls with wreaths of flowers on their heads) all of them carrying beautiful decorated baskets, brought whatever fruits they could lay their hands on. With the help of the teachers, stalls were set up in the school rooms. All the fruits contributed were sorted out attractively. Parents were invited to come to observe this project and to buy what was displayed. The money raised was given to the J.N.F. which leases out plots of ground at a very low rental to those who pledge themselves to cultivate them. The emphasis is not laid upon the

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CONTRIBUTING EDITOR



Sanford Solarz

We are happy to announce that our very good friend and member, Mr. Sanford Solarz is editing the "Getting Personal" column. Mr. Solarz will be glad to receive suggestions for this column, as well as items of interest.

OUR SUCCAH and OUR WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This year we are pleased to have our very capable former Women's League President, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, as Chairman of our Succah Committee, with Mrs. Herman Herskowitz as Co-Chairman.

In accordance with an annual custom, our Women's League will provide wine and cake for Kiddush and Challah for Motzi to the hundreds of our congregants who will attend the Succos Services at our Synagogue. Your helpful cooperation in this connection will be very much appreciated.

You may do your part by sending a contribution to the Succah Fund—Women's League, W.S.I.S., 122 West 76th St.

SUCCAH GATHERING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THIS TUESDAY NIGHT

The annual celebration of Succos by our youth groups will take place on Tuesday night, September 26th at 8:30 o'clock, in the W.S.I.S. Succah. Young people over 17 years of age are cordially invited to join in the festivities.

The Co-Chairmen for the evening are Judy Neustadter, Elsie Oelberger, Jacob Golden, and Samuel Ward.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPEN HOUSE

in our Synagogue Succah
Thursday afternoon, Sept. 28th
from 2 to 4 o'clock
All the women of the congregation are invited.

Succos Notes

Monday evening, we begin the celebration of Succos,—the Festival of Tabernacles. Following the sol-of Tabernacles.

The Succah

The Succah is a temporary dwelling, or booth, which is built especially for the holiday. The roof is covered with palms and other greens, permitting sunlight to enter by day and starlight at night.

G-d commands the Jew to "live" in a Succah as a remembrance of the days when the Jews lived in Succos on their journey from Egypt to the Holy Land.

During the holiday one should eat the meals in the Succah and spend time therein as if it were a permanent home.

Because the Succah is an object with which a Mitzvoh is performed, it should be beautified as much as possible.

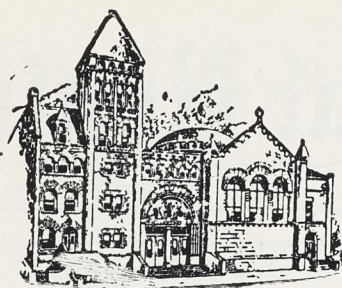
"Chol Hamoed"

During the Intermediate Days of the Festival, the spirit of Yom Tov should be felt even though most forms of work are permissible.

Esrog and Lulav

The Esrog and Lulav are symbolic of Jewish unity. The Esrog, a citron, which has both a good taste and fine fragrance, represents those who are both learned and observant. The Lulav, a palm-branch having taste but no fragrance, symbolizes the learned who have not been as righteous as they should be. In addition, we have the myrtle which has only fragrance. This represents those who are observant but not learned. Then there is the willow, having neither fragrance nor taste, representing those who are neither learned nor righteous.

These four species are bound together when the blessing is said, indicating the necessity of united Jewry in the service of G-d. This gives cause for rejoicing.



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OUR SYNAGOGUE SUCCAH

We are once again indebted to our very capable and conscientious Mr. Ben Wiener for assuming the responsibility of decorating our Succah and making it, as the poet put it, "a thing of beauty."

We hope that the Almighty will privilege Mr. Wiener and his dear wife, "Kathie", as well as their helpful committee, to continue to do this fine piece of work, in health and happiness for scores of years to come.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

We are pleased to announce that the Junior Congregation will meet on the Succos holidays and every Saturday at 10:30 A.M. We urge all parents to have their youngsters attend. Do not deprive your child of this wonderful opportunity of learning the prayers by actual participation in the Service.

Reserve
Tuesday, December 5th
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398th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS How To Demean Oneself In Becoming Unclean Through Contact With A Dead Body.

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The Bible clearly says that if one is in the room with a dead body, he becomes Levitically unclean, as it is written in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 19, verse 14, "This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent, all that comes into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days."

A certain despondent, incomplete, and unhappy feeling comes upon one in an impure state.

To-day, since the Temple was destroyed, the rules for ritual uncleanness do not prevail. It is customary, however, to wash one's hands, after having been in a room with a dead body.

The purpose of this commandment has been described above in the 263rd Commandment, dealing with

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

Mr. Frank L. Taks, president of the Men's Club is happy to announce that the opening meeting of the Men's Club will be devoted to honoring its past president, Max Lazarus, Esq. Members and their friends are urged to come on Monday evening, October 16th at 8:30 o'clock for a very enjoyable and interesting evening.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP TO SPONSOR OFFICIAL WELCOME ON SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 1st

The W.S.I.S. Social Clubs will welcome the members of the younger set of our Congregation who have just returned from Israel and Europe, at a reception on Sunday evening, October 1st, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Succah.

Among the honored guests are: Cecile Censor, Naomi Goldstein, Howard Kaplan and Ralph Kestenbaum. In addition to the personal reports of the evening, Howard Kaplan will show films that he took during his stay in Israel.

the priests when they became unclean.

399th COMMANDMENT Concerning the Laws of the Water of Purification

We read in Numbers, Chapter 19, Verse 20, "But the man that shall be unclean and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the Congregation, because he has defiled the Sanctuary of the L-rd: The water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him . . . he is unclean." One who became defiled by a dead body is sprinkled with "living waters" mixed together with the ashes of the Red Heifer. The waters that were put upon the ashes, were to be drawn only from springs that flow from running waters. Everyone was fit to draw the water and to put it upon the ashes, except a deaf-mute, an imbecile, or a minor. If one was busying himself with something else while he filled the vessel with water for the purification, the waters became unfit. This comes under the heading of the general rule that, "if one allows himself to be distracted from the Holy things, they become 'posul' or unfit or improper."

This commandment prevailed only in Temple times. It referred to male and female, for they all needed purification if they became unclean by defilement with the dead, before they entered the Sanctuary or before they ate any holy food.

RE: THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS

The letter below received by our Rabbis from the office of the Dean of Students at Hunter College should be a source of encouragement to our young people.

HUNTER COLLEGE
of the City of New York
September 8, 1950

Dear Sirs:

Acting President Grady has referred to me in your letter of August 25, listing the major Jewish holidays that fall on school days during the coming term.

We are very grateful for your cooperation in giving us this information. You may rest assured that every effort will be made to see that, as far as possible, these dates are considered in arranging school activities.

ANN ANTHONY, Dean of Students

Young man, needs room in West 70's.
Please call office — TR. 7 8281.

MEALS IN THE SUCCAH

Members may make reservations to eat their noon and evening meals during the Holiday and Saturday, and also their morning and evening meals during Chol Hamoed in our Succah. Please phone the Synagogue office, TR. 7-8281-8251, immediately, before it is too late.

DIARY FROM ISRAEL

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spiritual side of the festival but upon the physical side, that of rebuilding the Land of our People, by increased agricultural cultivation.

Among adults, another phase of the history of our people, is relived here. In the days when the Temple stood, it was customary for everybody who was physically able to do so, to come to Jerusalem for worship on Passover, Shevuos and Succos, known as the Pilgrimage Festivals.

An apparent return to this historic custom was indicated by the arrival in Jerusalem of thousands of visitors from many parts of the country. All synagogues were filled to capacity and later Sunday nite, (the 1st night of Shevuos) vast numbers of people made a pilgrimage up to Mt. Zion (in Jerusalem) the traditional site of the Tomb of King David, where an all night prayer service was held. During the evening worshippers filled the chamber containing the Tomb and recited Psalms by the light of silver oil lamps, suspended from the ceiling, aided by candles.

Much as I would have liked to, I could not make the hike and climb which it would have required for me to reach the Tomb. However, I got the report from someone who went—and I enjoyed the experience vicariously.

This Week's Bible Readings:

Sat.	Sept. 23—	Samuel II Chapter 15	☐
Sun.	Sept. 24—	" " 16	☐
Mon.	Sept. 25—	" " 17	☐
Tues.	Sept. 26—	" " 18	☐
Wed.	Sept. 27—	" " 19	☐
Thurs.	Sept. 28—	" " 20	☐
Fri.	Sept. 29—	" " 21	☐

CONDOLENCE

We sorrowfully record the passing of

JENNIE ROSEN

mother of Sam Rosen.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	6:35
Weekly Portion: Ha-Azinu	
Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	5:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	5:45
Mincha Service	6:45
The Sabbath Terminates	7:23
Sunday and Monday Morning Service (new time)	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Sunday Mincha	5:30

Succoth Prayer Schedule

Light Candles Monday Evening	5:27
Monday Mincha	5:30
Tuesday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Mincha	5:30
Wednesday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	4:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	4:45
Mincha	5:45
Holiday Terminates	6:17

Chol Hamoed

Thursday and Friday Morning	6:45, 7:40, 8:10
Thursday Mincha	5:35

GAME ROOM**Opening Night—Saturday, Sept. 23**

For fun and enjoyment of all members of the youth groups, do not fail to attend Game Nite at W. S. I. S. Tournaments in ping-pong, chess, checkers, etc. are being planned for all age groups. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Mr. Jack Tomor, our popular Athletic Director is in charge of the Game Room.

GAME ROOM SCHEDULE

Saturday Night	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.
Sunday	11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Sunday	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.
Wednesday night	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

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DO NOT WAIT REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN IN OUR TALMUD TORAH NOW

We are happy to report that parents today are once again realizing the great value of starting their children's Jewish education young—at the same age that they start in Public School. Thus, the children are introduced to Judaism at an age when study and play go hand in hand, and enjoy it.

Registration will close very soon for this term. For further information, please contact the Talmud Torah office, afternoons or Sunday mornings.

Getting Personal

With all due modesty we are not only proud of, but fortunate in the talent that seems to abound in our congregation. With a sudden indisposition our noted Cantor Zalmon Yavneh was unable to officiate at the first day's services of Rosh Hashona. The breach was filled with outstanding distinction and success by Ralph Kestenbaum. A tribute not only to Ralph but to our Youth Services, where he was officiating. We are wondering whether Ralph will follow in the path of Leonard Bernstein, who, it will be recalled, rose to overnight fame when, as an unknown, he substituted as conductor of the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, on the podium of Carnegie Hall, for Bruno Walter, who was suddenly taken ill. . . . But on the next day Cantor Yavneh prayed as he never prayed before—most inspiringly and effectively. . . . At the second day's services our own Buddy Udell revealed a particularly stentorian voice in his announcements of the pages on which the various prayers commenced. Now that you have shown your stuff, Buddy, we hope to have you at all our services. . . . We were most happy to have had with us for the High Holy Days, Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders who apparently do not believe a little matter of 3,000 miles distance from their residence in California is a sufficient obstacle to deter them from returning to their first love among congregations. Other W.S.I.S.ERS who were in California and are now back in our midst are Lenore Druckman and Debbie Siegel. Debbie flew in recently, at the conclusion of a summer session at U.C.-L.A. . . . Also we observed at our services Felix Gouled. . . . The legal profession will soon have among its members, Melvin Bergman, son of our Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman, and Maurice Spanbock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock to whom we extend our heartiest congratulations for their success in hurdling the chief and most difficult barrier of their becoming attorneys, the Bar Examination. . . . Happy Birthday to you, with our best wishes for many many happy returns of the day, Director Samuel K. Beier, Judith Bernstein, Hyman Druker, Mrs. Morris Edelson, Mrs. Mae Feltman, Etta T. Gertz, Ellen May Greenfield, George Samuel Greenstein, Mrs. Bertha Leister, Joseph Moses, Philip Nager, Judith Neustadter, Ira Tumpowsky, and President, Lester Udell. . . . Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiedler on another happy milestone in their wedded life. . . . Stirring appeals were made on Yom Kippur in behalf of the Congregation. We would like to see the response 100%. Have you sent in your pledge already? . . .

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