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

Thursday, May 25th

Today was a very quiet day and restful day for me and I had time to read the paper thoroughly. I came across a very interesting item which indicates that the leaders of the State of Israel want this to be a place where Social Justice and concern for each and every individual will really be practiced. A bill will shortly be presented to the Knesset advocating a "Birth to Death" Social Security Plan for the entire population. It will include free hospitalization for those who need it, free dental treatment for children, free medical care for all employed persons, old age pensions (over 60 for women, over 65 for men) grants for babies, grants for families upon the death of the breadwinner, insurance for agricultural workers, disability insurance for all citizens, training for the disabled and many other almost Utopian features.

It is remarkable that such a young state, which is in the midst of a life and death economic struggle, which is overwhelmed with problems of immigration and absorption—which due to the unsettled relation with the Arabs—must regard military security as a major concern, still has the courage and the vision to plan ahead, for the social security of its inhabitants.

Sunday, May 28th

Mrs. Herzog invited us to see some of the projects with which she is occupied. She took us to three different kindergartens, each one having approximately forty children. Each of these places was immaculate. The children looked very happy and contented. They sang songs and played games for us. Their equipment, though simple, was quite extensive. Their activities include drawing, painting, sewing and various forms of arts and crafts. One of the kindergarten teachers told us that it is her custom to tell the children one of the Bible stories and then to ask them to draw pictures about the story. She showed us some drawing of the children's conception of Noah's Ark, the Garden of Eden etc. Of course,

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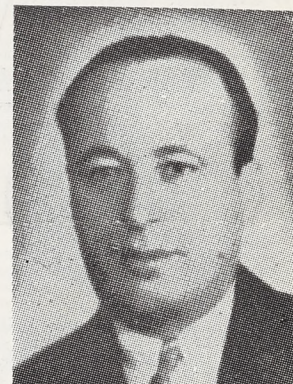
SIMCHAS TORAH CHASANIM



Harry Altman



Aaron Neustadter



Lester Udell

RECEPTION TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT IN SUCCAH

The young people of our Congregational Family (young women over 19 and young men over 21) are cordially invited to attend a reception in honor of their friends who were abroad this summer. Among those who were in Israel and Europe this summer are: Cecile Censor, Bernard Finkelstein, Naomi Goldstein, Howard Kaplan and Ralph Kestenbaum. In addition to short reports on their trips by the guests of honor, Howard will show some pictures he took in Israel and Ralph will render some songs that he picked up abroad.

Holiday Notes

Hoshana Rabba

The fourth of the Intermediate Days, Hoshana Rabba, is observed with solemnity similar to Yom Kippur. It is the final day of judgment and repentance.

On the night of Hoshana Rabba, we read from the "Tikkun" a collection of writings from the Scriptures and Talmud. There are many Jews who stay awake all night in the Study of the Torah.

During the morning services, congregants, with Lulav and Esrog in hand, parade around the "Bimah" seven times. This procession is reminiscent of the Temple Days, when during the Succos Holiday the Altar was encircled seven times.

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We are pleased to announce that the Synagogue has honored the following individuals Mr. Harry Altman as Chasan Torah, Mr. Aaron Neustadter as Chasan Breshis, and Mr. Lester Udell as Chasan Maftir.

The Chasan Torah is honored with the reading of the last section of the Torah; and the Chasan Breshis is honored with the reading of the first section. The Chasan Maftir chants the Simchas Torah Haftarah (Chapter one of the Book of Joshua).

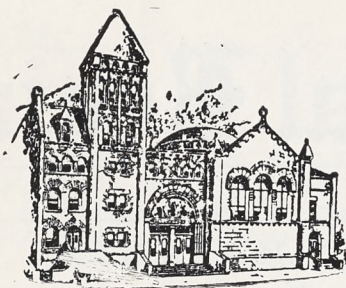
RABBI AND MRS. GOLDSTEIN AT HOME

In accordance with their annual custom, Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein will be happy to meet and greet all the members of our Congregation, at their home, 229 West 78th St., on Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd, between 2:45 and 4:45 o'clock.

Our Rabbi and Rebbetzin would like all our members, both old and new, to regard this announcement as a personal invitation.

YOUNG MEN CONDUCT SABBATH MINCHA SERVICES

The young men of the Congregation will resume the leadership of the Saturday Mincha Services as Chazan, Readers of the Torah and Speakers. Rabbi Reichel will be glad to add the name of any young man to the list of participants in this popular weekly youth activity of the Synagogue if he will contact him.



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MEMBER CONGREGATION



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MRS. GOLDSTEIN'S DIARY

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they were simple and juvenile but I thought the idea was a good one I distributed only to the girls—some of the fifty dolls which Mrs. Max Horowitz, of our Synagogue, made for the children in Israel. The joy of these children in receiving the dolls was paralleled by my joy in watching them. The boys were somewhat disappointed but I promised to send some pencils (of which I had taken a box full along) for them tomorrow.

We also visited the Children's Home—which is run jointly by the Mizrahi Women of Israel, of whom Mrs. Herzog is the President, and the Mizrahi Women of America. It is quite a large place, immaculately clean, efficiently planned and attractively arranged.

An interesting illustration of the intensive use of space is the fact that what looks like four beds are really eight. The beds are made so that one set of four is a little lower than the other. They slide in underneath during the daytime and are pulled out at night. Sixty-seven children between the ages of seven and fourteen are housed here.



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400th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS Concerning the Laws of Inheritances

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded concerning the laws of inheritance, namely, (1) that the father is to leave an inheritance to his children, and (2) the Beth Din is to decide the laws of inheritance according to the Torah, as it is written in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 27, verse 8, "If a man die and have no son, then shall ye cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter."

The father can do whatever he pleases with his fortune during his lifetime. During his lifetime, whatever the father gives is called Matanah, "a gift", after his death it is called "Yerushah", "an inheritance", for it is written, "the heir shall inherit". The Rabbis point out that the expression "the inheritance is given" is used when referring to a male heir, and "the inheritance is to PASS", is used when referring to a female heir. With the male heir the

land remains within the tribe and family, while with a female heir, if she marries without the tribe, the inheritance passes out of the possession of her original tribe and increases the territorial possession of her adopted tribe.

The Order of Inheritance according to Jewish Law is as follows: (1) sons and their descendants; (2) daughters and their descendants; (3) the father; (4) brothers and their descendants; (5) sister and their descendants; (6) the father's father; (7) the father's brothers and their descendants; (8) the father's sisters and their descendants; (9) the great-grandfather and his collateral descendants; and so on. To this list, the Rabbis added another legal heir, the husband. Each of the sons of the deceased receives an equal share of the estate of his father or of his mother, except the first-born of the father, who receives a double share. In the case of death of a son during his father's life, his children inherit his portion of the estate.

The Rabbis, while denying the daughters a share in the inheritance where there are sons, still make ample provision for their maintenance and support, as long as they remain unmarried. The cost and provision of such maintenance constitute the first charge upon the estate of the deceased. In case the estate was small, the principle was laid down: "The daughters must be supported, even if the sons are reduced to beggary."

THE CHANCE YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR

Beginning with Monday evening, October 9th, you, our members and readers, will have another opportunity to study the Hebrew language as it is spoken in the land of Israel.

We are happy to announce that we have engaged for the coming year Mr. Aryeh Ben-Shimer, a resident in Israel for many years, as Hebrew instructor for the adult classes in Hebrew in our Laymen's Institute. Mr. Ben-Shimer has had experience in teaching adults in Israel and in this country. He is associated with the Jewish Community School.

Mr. Ben-Shimer will offer two courses. The first hour from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock will be "Elementary Conversational Hebrew." This course is intended for those who are able to read Hebrew and have some knowledge of the language. The second hour from 8:30 to 9:30 P.M. will be "Advanced Conversational Hebrew" for those who have already

studied the language and have some speaking knowledge of it.

Courses in Beginner's Hebrew will also be given.

Additional courses in the Institute will be announced in coming issue. Your suggestions are welcome.

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Dear Rabbi Reichel:

I am glad to accept your invitation to join the Laymen's Institute. Please register me in

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Holiday Notes

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Shemini Atzeres

The eighth day of Succos is a separate holiday. The Rabbis tell us that Succos is a holiday for universal rejoicing. All nations of the earth brought sacrifices to G-d in the Holy Temple. Shemini Atzeres, the Eighth Day of Solemn Assembly, however, was set aside for the special period for a closing Day of Reflection for the people of Israel.

Simchas Torah

Simchas Torah is a day set aside, especially for the purpose of rejoicing with the Torah, a day in which the Jew expresses his happiness with religious singing and dancing, for having the Torah as his guide in life.

On this day, too, the annual cycle of weekly readings of the Pentateuch comes to an end, and is immediately begun anew. This practice signifies that there is no end to the study of the Law.

At the evening as well as the morning services, the worshippers are given an opportunity to carry the Scrolls around the Synagogue in a joyous procession.

During the morning service all congregants are called to the Torah for a reading in the portion of the week. The one who is honored with the final portion is called "Chasan Torah" (The Bridegroom of the Torah). The one who is honored with the first reading in Genesis, which follows immediately, is called "Chasan Bereshis" (The Bridegroom of Genesis). The youngsters also have their part in the day's ceremonies by being called to the Torah all at one time. A large Talis is spread over their heads while they recite the blessing over the Torah.

In general, our rejoicing with the Torah serves as an important lesson to our youth. Therefore, children of all ages should be brought to the synagogue to observe and participate in the festivities.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to our Director, Mr. Benjamin Glazer upon the loss of his mother

REBECCA GLAZER

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member,

JULIUS ROSAN

May the Almighty console the families among the mourners of Zion.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	5:23
Friday Evening Service	5:30
Saturday Morning Services	8:30
Reading of Book of Ecclesiastes	9:30
Junior Congregation	10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	4:30
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	4:30
Mincha Service	5:30
The Sabbath Terminates	6:11
Sunday Morning Service	6:30, 7:30, 8:15
Mincha	5:30
Sunday Evening	
Tikkun Hoshonah Rabbah	9:30
Monday Morning	
Hoshanah Rabbah	6:20, 7:20
Light Candles Monday Evening	5:20
Monday Mincha	5:30
Tuesday Morning Shemini Atzeres	
Service and Yizkor	8:30
Tuesday Mincha	5:15
Wednesday Morning Simchas Torah	8:30
Thursday and Friday mornings	6:45; 8:00; 8:30
Thursday afternoon	5:30

CALLING ALL CHILDREN !!!



Although Simchas Torah is a festive occasion for all people, it is particularly a joyous holiday for the youngsters. Remaining true to the tradition of our Congregation, the children will receive flags and candy and will march around the Shul this Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

A word to the wise is sufficient—boys and girls. Come one, come all!

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

The Junior Congregation will meet Tuesday morning at 10:30. Included in the holiday program will be special songs and stories. Wednesday morning the youngsters may join their elders in the main Synagogue for Simchas Torah.

In the spirit of the Festival, we urge all parents not to send their children to public school on Yom Tov, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:

Sat.	Sept. 30—	Samuel II Chapter 22	□
Sun.	Oct. 1—	"	23 □
Mon.	Oct. 2—	"	24 □
Tues.	Oct. 3—	Kings I	1 □
Wed.	Oct. 4—	"	2 □
Thurs.	Oct. 5—	"	3 □
Fri.	Oct. 6—	"	4 □

SATURDAY MORNING KINDERGARTEN SERVICE

The Sabbath Morning Kindergarten will be resumed beginning with October 7th.

Children from 3½ to 5½ congregate in the Kindergarten Room on Saturday mornings at 10:30 o'clock while their parents are at services. The children spend a very enjoyable morning with us and are called for by their parents after services.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Shemini Atzeres, October 3rd, Yizkor Services will be recited in our Synagogue in memory of our beloved departed ones. Please fill out the form below and have it in our office by Monday morning.

West Side Institutional Synagogue:

I hereby request you to offer the Memorial Prayer

for my.....

whose Hebrew

name is

and I herewith donate \$.....

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Getting Personal

By Sanford Solarz

We continue to get flattering reports concerning many of our members who served in various capacities at our High Holy Day Services. Irving Silver officiated as Cantor at the Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Mussaf Services of our overflow congregation, and inspired all with his singularly rich and melodious baritone voice. Murray Yavneh, son of our noted Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, was chazan at our Youth Service on the first day of Rosh Hashonah and on Yom Kippur, and gave convincing evidence of heredity, of the musical genius of his father. Our ushers, Max Lazarus, Moses Jack Berlin, Alexander Kirsh, and Herbert Perlman had a most difficult task in regard to the decorum. We need MORE ushers. Won't you volunteer? The overflow services upstairs were managed exceptionally well by Alexander Golden and Gabriel F. Goldstein, with the able assistance of Ned Kirsh and Hank Epstein who served as ushers. And, we are deeply **grateful** to all our members and friends who responded so **generously** to our appeal for funds to carry on our work. Did you hear the stentorian voice of Buddy Udell, announcing the pages? Keep it up Buddy! Thank you very much Reuben Richman for your very useful donation of linen for tablecloths. Heartly congratulations and best wishes for success to Charles I. Karasik on his appointment as Chairman of the Stationery Division of the U.J.A. Drive for 1951. We are happy and proud to report the appointment to the faculty of Mathematics at Columbia University, of David Alvin Buchsbaum, son of our

Director and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum and son-in-law of our California "representatives" Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders. We wish you all the luck in the world, David. We hope that your attainment of a full Professorship will not be far off. Best wishes for success to Judy Neustadter upon the commencement of her college career at N.Y.U. Bon Voyage and Godspeed to Ludwig Jesselson on his recently embarked business trip to Israel and all parts East. Truly these are days of miracles for Orthodox Jewry. Imagine flying by Pan American Airways of KLM and being able to get Kosher meals for the trip prepared by Schreiber's! At last Shabbos services we were honored by the presence of Dr. Joseph Berg, Deputy Speaker and Delegate of the Religious Bloc of the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) who delivered a stirring and timely message. Happy Birthday to you, Noel Aronovici, Mrs. Jacob Bayer, Mrs. Julius Bayer, Dr. David Beilock, Lenore Kaplan Finkelstein, Mrs. Jess Gross, Sylvia Jacoby, Jacque Pierot, and Mrs. Jack Tomor. Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Lew Bengis and Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan on reaching another happy milestone in their wedded lives. Girls week at W.S.I.S.: Mazel Tov on the birth of a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Weiss and the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss, and the great grandmother, Regina Margareten; and upon the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Schnur—Congrats to the Sattel and Schnur families.

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