

THIS SATURDAY MORNING (CHANUKAH)  
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## EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN FROM ISRAEL, 5710 - 1950

*Sunday, June 11, 1950*

The days are passing quickly and interestingly. Just to follow the daily reports of what is going on in the Knesset—the Israeli Parliament—which is in session in Jerusalem now, is simply fascinating. One of the many vital subjects on the agenda now is the "Compulsory Free Education Law," which should be put into effect for the new school term in September. The law provides that all parents must now register their children, but they may

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**Jon Silo**

Rabbi Goldstein will continue his interesting talks on "Judaism in a Modern World", this Monday night, December 11. The guest speaker at the Forum will be Jon Silo, known as the "Israel Ambassador of Laughter". Mr. Silo's performances have literally swept audiences with gales of laughter. He has a versatile genius as a pantomimist, character comedian, and humorist.

Mr. Silo was born in Jerusalem. He is a member of the "Yiddish Art Theatre" of New York City.

If you want to spend an evening in a cultural and enjoyable atmosphere, do not fail to attend on Monday at 8:40 p.m. sharp.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO HOMES FOR CHILDREN IN ISRAEL

Charles H. Bendheim, Emanuel Fine, David Kamerman, D. Pretner, and Louis Rubinfeld.

### FOR INFORMATION

about one grave or a plot in our Memorial Park at Mt. Eden Cemetery, telephone our office.

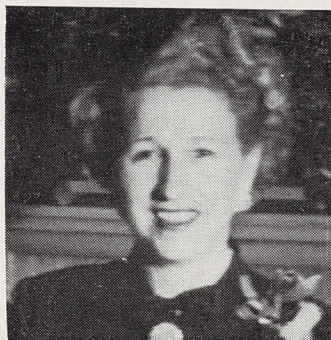
## GALA CHANUKAH FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY NIGHT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY



**Mr. Abraham Eisenman**

Do not miss this wonderful opportunity of spending the last night of Chanukah together with the entire family at the Synagogue. The evening's program provides for fun and entertainment for both the youth and adults. Music is being furnished by a five piece band, some of whose players are members of our youth groups. Special prizes will be awarded for various performances by the participants. Traditional "Potato Latkes" and refreshments will be served by youth hostesses, who will also greet and introduce all guests.

Adults will have the privilege of

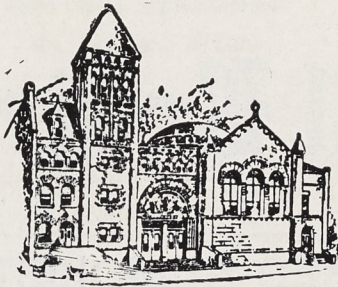


**Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg**

availing themselves of the facilities provided for games.

Mr. Frank L. Taks, President of the Men's Club and Mrs. Harry Ward, President of the Women's League invite all their members and their children to attend the Gala Chanukah Festival Sunday night, December 10, 1950.

Co-Chairmen for the affair are: Mr. Abraham Eisenman of the Men's Club, Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg of the Women's League, and Jack Wohl and Ruth Kennan of the youth groups. A limited number of tickets are available at \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for the youth. Call TR. 7-8281.



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## MEMBER CONGREGATION



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designate the type of school they wish their children to attend. There are 4 different types of schools—1) The Labor Party,—Histadrut, Schools, 2 & 3) The Religious Party Schools, Mizrachi and Agudah, 4) The General Zionist Schools. There is a battle-royal going on, between the different groups, each one trying to get as many children as possible to register in their schools, as they hope, in this way, to build up their own political party among the rising generation. Mr. Zalmon Shazar, the Minister of Education, said "It must be appreciated that, on the one hand, Orthodox Jews would not agree to have their children taught by men and women who were not, themselves, observant, and on the other hand, that organized labor would not surrender their right to teach their own social and moral precepts to the next generation." This was his answer to those who suggested one form of education for everybody, as a peaceful solution to this political warfare. The need for the unprecedented amount of additional school buildings and teachers, which the Compulsory Education Law has created, is being worked



"AS  
 R'CHASH  
 SEES  
 IT"

411th OF THE 613  
BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

*The Witness Is Not  
 To Offer an Opinion  
 In Capital Punishment Cases.*

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

A witness in a capital punishment case is simply to give his testimony. Even though he may be a smart and wise man he may not attempt to play the role of judge, by giving his opinion in reference to the case, as it is written in Numbers, Chapter 35, Verse 30, "One witness shall not testify against any person that he die". This statement seems to be superfluous for we read in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 17, verse 6, "At the mouth of two witnesses . . . shall he that is to die be put to death; at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death." The answer is that our verse refers to not merely testimony, but refers to an opinion on the part of a witness.

This law refers to Temple times when the Sanhedrin was in operation. Only then was capital punish-

on, intensively, by the Minister of Education.

Another question which has aroused much discussion in the Knesset, is the matter of adopting a Constitution for the State of Israel, which has not been done, as yet. The prevalent feeling is, that the adoption of the Constitution should be postponed, indefinitely, and that meanwhile the House should adopt a series of Legislative acts—on matters which would normally be covered in a Constitution. At some further date, these laws, tested and approved, can be incorporated in the form of a constitution.

It is interesting to note that both the Labor and the Religious Parties, in the Knesset, are desirous of postponing the adoption of a Constitution, for the identical reasons. Each party feels and hopes that, as time goes on, it will get stronger and consequently be able to have more of its ideology incorporated into the State's Constitution.

ment imposed. A witness who trespassed this law and offered an opinion in addition to his testimony, violated our negative commandment. However, he did not receive stripes, because there was no action involved.

**412th COMMANDMENT**  
**We Are Not To**  
**Take Atonement Money**  
**To Save the Life of a Murderer.**

We are not allowed to take atonement money, namely, a redemption fee, even if it would be the wealth of the whole world to save a murderer from being executed, as it is written in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 35, verse 31, "You shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer that is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death." Otherwise, every one who is wealthy could rise and slay his neighbor in a fit of anger and free himself through redemption money. As a matter of fact, as we shall learn in the next commandment, even in the case of an unintentional murder for which punishment is exile, no ransom is accepted to free the murderer from the city of refuge. If the family of the murdered one, said to the judge that they are willing to take money instead of having the murderer executed, this is not permissible.

He who breaks this law and takes atonement money, his punishment will be very great for he will be the cause of the breakdown of civilization and the habitation of the world.

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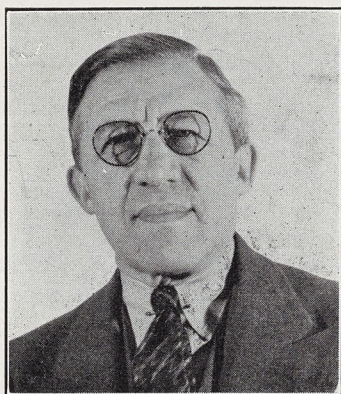
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## CHANUKAH NOTES

On Friday evening the Chanukah lights are kindled before the Shabbos lights. On Shabbos night the Chanukah lights are kindled after Havdalah.

## 70 YEARS YOUNG



Henry Blankfort

We extend our heartiest congratulations to our Director Henry Blankfort, upon reaching his 70th birthday. We pray that he will follow in the footsteps of his father and will attain a ripe old age.

MRS. JACOB KAPLAN  
TO BE HOSTESS

On Monday afternoon, December 11 at 12:30 o'clock sharp Mrs. Jacob Kaplan will entertain the entire Executive Board of our Women's League at a Dessert Luncheon which will be held at her home.

Following the Luncheon there will be an important meeting of the Executive Board. A detailed report of the highly successful annual luncheon will be presented.

All the members of the Board are urged to make every effort to attend the Luncheon and the meeting.

## This Week's Bible Readings:

|        |               |                    |                          |
|--------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Sat.   | .....Dec. 9—  | Isaiah, Chapter 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sun.   | .....Dec. 10— | " " 22             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mon.   | .....Dec. 11— | " " 23             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tues.  | .....Dec. 12— | " " 24             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wed.   | .....Dec. 13— | " " 25             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thurs. | .....Dec. 14— | " " 26             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fri.   | .....Dec. 15— | " " 27             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Benjamin Bernstein upon the loss of his father.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Dr. Henry A. Rafsky upon the passing of his brother.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Dr. David W. Schwaid upon the passing of his brother.

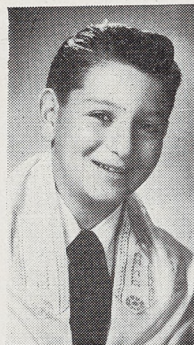
## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

|                                                          |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Light Candles Friday Evening                             | 4:09             |
| Sixth Chanukah Candle Light to be kindled before Shabbos |                  |
| Weekly Portion: Miketz and Sabbath Rosh Chodesh          |                  |
| Friday Evening Service                                   | 4:20             |
| Saturday Morning Services                                | 8:30             |
| Sabbath Kindergarten                                     |                  |
| for Children 4 to 6                                      | 10:30            |
| Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class                             | 3:10             |
| Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class                           | 3:10             |
| Oneg Shabbos for Girls                                   | 3:30             |
| Mincha Service                                           | 4:10             |
| Reader of Torah: David Lax                               |                  |
| Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh                         |                  |
| The Sabbath Terminates                                   | 4:57             |
| Sunday and Monday Morning Service                        |                  |
|                                                          | 6:30, 7:45, 8:15 |
| Daily Service                                            | 6:45, 8:00, 8:30 |
| Mincha                                                   | 4:20             |

## TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAHS



Edward Behrens



Burt Shaller

Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Elizabeth Behrens and to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Shaller upon the Bar Mitzvah of their sons which is to take place in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

SING THESE CHANUKAH SONGS  
WITH THE CHILDREN

Mi ye ma-lel g'vuros yisroel, osan  
mi yimneh  
hayn b'chol dor yakum hagibor, go-  
el ha-am  
Shma!, ba-yamim hahaym bazman  
hazeh  
Makabi moshiah u-fodeh  
uvyomaynu kol am yisroel  
yisachayd yokum v'yig-el.

## WHO CAN RETELL?

Who can retell  
The things that befell us?  
Who can count them?  
In every age  
A hero or sage,  
Arose to our aid!  
Hark! In days of yore, in Israel's  
ancient land,  
Brave Maccabees led the faithful  
band.  
But now all Israel must as one arise,  
Redeem itself through deed and  
sacrifice.

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Young People Invited to Celebrate  
Chanukah at the Sunday Morning  
Lox and Bagel Club

Boys and girls of Bar Mitzvah age and over are cordially invited to participate in the festive youth Chanukah service this Sunday morning, December 10th at 9:30 o'clock. Eddie Diamond, Samuel Ward, Bernard Israel, Aaron Tomares and Murray Yavneh will officiate. At the breakfast table, Paula Manasse will report on current events in Jewish life.

It was suggested that once a month the Lox and Bagel Club open its hospitality to the parents of our members. We are anxious to know your reaction to this innovation.

## COCKTAIL PARTY

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**GETTING PERSONAL**by **Sanford Solarz**

Last call for our gala annual Chanukah Festival! The place, the Synagogue House and Auditorium. The time, last night of Chanukah, Sunday, December 10th. It is a positive must for all our members and friends. Chanukah is one of the great Jewish festivals of rejoicing and there will be plenty of it for all those who come—not only in the spirit of the occasion, but in the unexcelled entertainment, music and refreshments to be furnished. . . . Our Congregation had a goodly representation at the recent National Conference of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim was Chairman of one of the sessions and among the principal speakers were our beloved Rabbi Goldstein and William B. Herlands. . . . Our list of prospective members of our congregation in the form of newly born babes is growing with such rapidity that we think it behooves our Board of Directors to immediately start drawing plans for increasing the size and capacity of our Synagogue House. The most recent additions to the list were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Weinstein, and the grandparents, President and Mrs. Lester Udell and Mrs. Moe Weinstein; Mr. and Mrs. Morty Langer, and the grandparents, Director and Mrs. Moe Langer and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberg; and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Eisenberg, and the grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Sam Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Eisenberg. All boys too! Mazeltov and our best wishes for everything good to all of them. . . . Our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Herlands upon the attainment of another happy and fruitful milestone in their wedded life and as much of same to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Verschleiser upon the engagement of their daughter, Minette, to Murray Horowitz. . . . We are happy to have back in our midst again Richard Berger. . . . Happy birthday to you Michael Blankfort, Glenice Abigail Lieberman, Moe Oltarsh, Mrs. Annie Mirken, Sam Rubel, and Samuel Schwarzman. . . . Our young friend, David Lax, will read the entire Seder at the services tomorrow morning. . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Abe Glaser. . . .

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