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

Tuesday, June 20, 1950

From here we went to lunch to "The American House", where Mr. and Mrs. Moskowitz are staying. Mrs. Herzog joined us at lunch, by appointment, as she wanted to show us an important social welfare project, in which she was interested. She told us that Eddie Cantor and his wife, Ida, had visited with her and the Chief Rabbi the night before. Eddie had requested to meet the Chief Rabbi. (Isn't that just like him?). Mrs. Herzog said that both Eddie and his wife were as simple and unassuming as could be and that Eddie did not crack a single joke in the presence of the Chief Rabbi. On the contrary, he was most serious. In this morning's paper here, Eddie is quoted as saying, "Israel is a wonderful country, with wonderful people. If you throw a brick at a man, here, he picks it up and starts to build a house". Only Eddie Cantor would know how to make a joke out of the housing shortage. He also said that the splendid Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra should make a tour of the United States, so that the Americans should know that the Israelis have culture as well as agriculture.

Talking of housing—It was a philanthropic housing project that Mrs. Herzog took us to look at, after lunch. The Mizrahi Women of Israel have erected three houses and are now about to begin to build a fourth one. Each house contains 60 units. A unit consists of one or two rooms, plus a kitchenette, toilet, shower, and private little porch. These units are rented only to refugees, at a most nominal rate—about \$10. a month—just to keep up their self-respect and to make them feel that they are not living entirely on charity.

It is impossible for us, who live a normal life, in comfortable apartments, to realize what a tremendous

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BOROUGH PRESIDENT WAGNER TO SPEAK MONDAY NIGHT

Remember

Our Theatre Benefit

"GUYS AND DOLLS"

January 31, 1951

WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESENTING GIFTED ACTRESS AND WRITER AT DESSERT LUNCHEON MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, our Program Chairman, has succeeded in arranging a most enjoyable program for our next Open Meeting for our Dessert Luncheon which will be held at the Synagogue Building on Monday, January 22nd at 12:30 o'clock sharp. Florence B. Schall who is both on Television and Radio Programs, besides writing a daily column in the Herald Tribune, will appear, in person, and present some of her humorous and human interest original radio sketches.

All the women of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 21

All young married couples of our Congregational Family are cordially invited to attend the next Get-Together of the Mr. and Mrs. League this Sunday night, January 21 at 8:30 o'clock.

This event should be particularly interesting to the group as it will feature the popular film, "Preface to Life", which describes the critical years in a child's life. Election of officers will take place followed by a Weenie Roast.

We look forward to a good representation at the meeting.



Hon. Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

Rabbi Goldstein will continue his interesting talks on "Judaism in a Modern World" this Monday night, January 22 at 8:30 P.M.

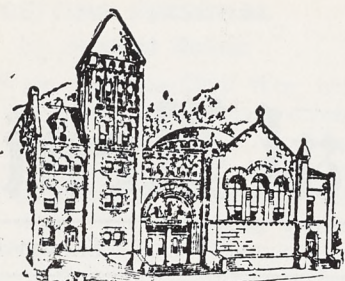
The guest speaker at the Forum will be the Hon. Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Borough President of Manhattan. Mr. Wagner is known to all as the champion of a comprehensive low-cost housing program and good State and City Government.

Mr. Wagner was the first member of the Legislature to enter the army. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Since then he had various appointments in City and State Departments until he was elected President of the Borough of Manhattan in 1949.

All our members and readers of the Review are invited to attend the Forum. Rabbi Goldstein's and Mr. Wagner's talks will afford a most enjoyable evening for all those who will attend.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

Sat.	Jan. 20—	Isaiah, Chapter 56	☐
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morale-booster this project is, for refugees. Having had to live in tents, in the Camps, for months, and having had to stand in line, to get their daily food, has developed an inferiority complex and a sense of helplessness and futility in many of them. Coming on top of their horrible experiences in the D.P. Camps of Europe, a prolonged stay, in the Transit Camps here, in Israel, has resulted in large numbers of complete collapses. On the other hand, when they are taken out of the Camps, and put into even the smallest home of their own, attended, as this is, by privacy and self-respect, they seem to take on a new lease of life. In a very short time they find a job, and those who have had any kind of skill or previous training, become an asset, instead of a liability, to the State of Israel.

For \$1,000. the name of a donor is inscribed on the entrance to one of these apartments. I wish I knew where to get money for the many constructive projects in Israel.

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BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

To Declare That The Holy One, Blessed Be He, Is the Fashioner of The Whole Universe and Is One.

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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Dualism. The Shema excludes dualism, any assumption of two rival powers of Light and Darkness, of the universe being regarded as the arena of a perpetual conflict between the principles of Good and Evil. This was the religion of Zoroaster, the seer of ancient Persia. This was in utter contradiction to the belief in One, Supreme Ruler of the World, shaping the light, and at the same time controlling the darkness (Isa. XLV. 7). In the Jewish view, the universe with all its conflicting forces, is marvellously harmonized in its totality; and, in the sum, evil is overruled and made a new source of strength for the victory of the good. 'He maketh peace in His high places.' To attribute Divine powers to angels, and the like, and deem them independent of G-d, or in any way on a par with the Supreme Being, would at all times have been deemed in Jewry to be wild blas-

HAMISHA ASAR B'SHEVAT

On Monday, January 22, Jews throughout the world will observe Hamisha Asar B'Shevat (the Fifteenth Day of the Hebrew month Shevat) which is the Jewish Arbor Day.

In the Talmud we find this festival referred to as Rosh Hashonah L'Ilanos (New Year for Trees). Just as the fate of human beings is decided by the Almighty on Rosh Hashonah, so too is the fate of the trees decided upon by G-d on Hamisha Asar B'Shevat.

In Israel the observance of this festival is truly impressive. The day is set aside for the planting of new trees. The schools organize outings and tree planting ceremonies on this day. Attired in white clothing and crowned with wreaths of fresh flowers, the pupils go forth into the wide, open fields where they rejoice over

phemy. It is noteworthy that the Jewish Mystics placed man — because he is endowed with free will — higher in the scale of spiritual existence than any mere 'messenger', which is the literal translation of the word angel, as well as of its Hebrew original, מַלְאָךְ "Mah-lawch".

Pantheism. The Shema excludes pantheism, which considers the totality of things to be the Divine. The inevitable result of believing that all things are divine, and all equally divine, is that the distinction between right and wrong, between holy and unholy, loses its meaning. Pantheism, in addition, robs the Divine Being of Conscious personality. In Judaism, on the contrary, though G-d pervades the universe, He transcends it. 'The heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish but Thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture Thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed. But Thou are the same, any Thy years shall have no end' (Psalm CII, 26-8). The Rabbis expressed the same thought when they said: 'The Holy One, blessed be He, encompasses the universe, but the universe does not encompass Him.' And so, far from submerging the Creator in His universe, they would have fully endorsed the lines,—

'Though earth and man were gone,
 And suns and universes ceased to be,
 And Thou were left alone,
 Every existence would exist in Thee'. (Emily Bronte).

the planting of the trees with song and dance.

In countries outside of Israel, Hamisha Asar B'Shevat is observed by the eating of fruit products for which the Holy Land is noted, such as dates, figs, olives, pomegranates, grapes, Almonds and carob or bokser.

We set aside one of these fruits, which we have not as yet eaten during the year, for the purpose of saying the blessing of שְׁהֵיכֵינוּ (Boruch Ato Adonai Elokeinu Mel-ech Ha-olam Shehechyanu V'kiy-manu V'higiganu Lazman Haze). We thereby thank G-d for having sustained us to this day to have the privilege of partaking of the products of our Holy Land.

It is also customary for Jews in the Diaspora to contribute to various funds whose monies are used for the planting of trees in Israel.

OPEN SCHOOL WEEK

We urge parents of boys and girls of Kindergarten and Talmud Torah age to visit our school from January 21 to January 24 when we shall celebrate "Open School Week." Parents will have ample reason to see what religious education can do in helping our youngsters grow up to be loyal Americans and good Jews.

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On Thursday afternoon, January 25 our pupils will visit the Israeli Exhibit at the Jewish Museum.

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We are happy to announce that a new group will commence Sunday morning, February 4, for children between 5½ and 7 years of age. If you have a child that age or older and would like to have him or her join our group, please call our Talmud Torah office immediately.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

Royals	Saturday night 7:15
Intermediate Boys and Girls	Saturday night 7:30
Senior Club	Sunday night 7:30
Senior League—Alternate	Sunday nights 8:00
Stamp Club	Monday night 7:30
Photography Club	Tuesday night 7:30
13 Year Old Boys and Girls	Wednesday night 7:30
Movie Club — Alternate	Saturday night 7:30

For further information about any of our groups or clubs feel free to call our Youth Department every evening between 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. at TR. 7-8281.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE THRIFT SALE

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CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Director Siegfried Bendheim upon the passing of his sister.

To Mrs. Harry Cohen upon the loss of her brother.

And to Mr. Jack Cohen upon the loss of his sister.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	4:37
Weekly Portion: B'Shahlach	
Friday Evening Service	4:50
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Participants: Stanley Kaplan Victor Ringel, Paul Foont	
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children 3 to 6	10:30
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class	3:10
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	3:10
Oneg Shabbos (Girls)	3:30
Mincha Service	4:10
Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter	
Reader of Service: Ralph Kestenbaum	
The Sabbath Terminates	5:25
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:50
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.	

CUB SCOUT NOTES

A meeting of Cub Pack #530 will take place this Wednesday, January 24 at 7:30 P.M. in the Social Hall of the W.S.I.S. The feature for the evening will be Indian Tribal Warfare. For further information please call the Youth Department at TR. 7-8281.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE
RED CROSS - DEFENSE PROGRAM**

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Walter Freeman with the cooperation of Mrs. Harry Ward, our Women's League has arranged for the American Red Cross to send us instructors for two educational courses for Defense Purposes.

The first course which is Home Nursing is being given every Monday and Wednesday morning during the month of January, at the Synagogue, from 10:30 to 12:30 o'clock.

The second course, which is First-aid, will start on February 5th and will also be given on Monday and Wednesday mornings, during the month of February, at the Synagogue, from 10:30 to 12:30 o'clock, for three consecutive weeks.

Those wishing to register for the First-aid course may do so by phoning the Synagogue, TR. 7-8281.

As the classes are limited to a certain number, it is advisable to make an application without delay.

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The Women's League will again provide Israeli fruit to our Talmud Torah children at our celebration of Hamisha Asar B'Shvat.

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