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EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN FROM ISRAEL, 5711-1951

Jerusalem, Wed. May 23rd, 1951

The water situation in Jerusalem which had begun to improve has had a set-back. No running water to-day and we are back to our former practice of having a pot of water, (which we get from a near-by well) with a small glass, near the sink. With this little glass we dip out water, sparingly, for our needs.

Thursday, May 24th, 1951

One of our visitors yesterday, a tourist from America, said she was very much disappointed to find that the non-orthodox groups in Israel have many more settlements than the orthodox have. I pointed out to her that the orthodox people coming to Israel concentrated on institutions of study and learning rather than on establishing settlements. To remedy this situation, in the future, it is essential that the orthodox people of America should send more money, for specifically orthodox work, than they have been sending.

Last night was Lag B'Omer. Dad went down to MEA SHEARIM (where the most pious Jews of Jerusalem live) to witness the Lag B'Omer Celebration there.

Shortly after he left the house he came back and said, "Come on out and see what is going on in this neighborhood". - my Jerusalem chauffeur, Naomi, took my car "out of the garage" and off we went, down our street. In all directions we could see immense bon-fires surrounded by throngs of young people. Many of them had containers of kerosene or something of that sort, which they would pour into the fire periodically. With each addition of

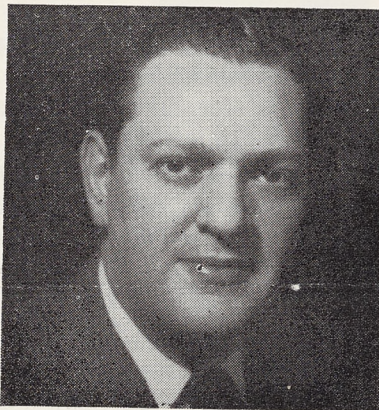
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MRS. JACOB GOODMAN TO BE OUR HOSTESS

All the members of the Women's League Executive Board will be the guests of Mrs. Jacob Goodman at a Dessert Luncheon which will be held at her home on Monday, November 12, 1951 at 12:30 o'clock.

An important meeting of the Executive Board will follow the luncheon.

OUR MEMBER HONORED



DAVID N. EDELSTEIN

We felicitate our member, David N. Edelstein who was appointed last week by President Truman as a U.S. Judge for the Southern District of New York. His wife is the daughter of our active Women's League Executive Board member, Mrs. Max Koch. His two children attend our Talmud Torah. We wish the Judge every measure of success.

PRESIDENT UDELL CALLING

Mr. Lester Udell, popular president of our congregation is calling upon all our members to attend the annual dinner of the Yeshivah Gevoah situated in Lakewood, N.J.

This beacon light of Jewish learning is headed by Rabbi Aron Kotler, world famous Jewish scholar. The Fellows in this institution are graduates of the major schools of learning in this country.

Attendance at this dinner will serve a two-fold purpose.

First, it will help to support this outstanding institution of higher Jewish learning.

Second, it will serve to pay our respects to our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, who is the guest of honor of the evening.

For reservations please call Mr. Udell, Chairman of the Dinner Committee, at his office Oregon 5-5070.

ATTENTION COLLEGIATES

Reserve Thurs. Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day for all day hike and outing. Watch "Collegiate Newsletter" for further details.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th



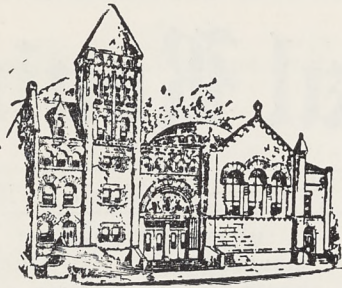
Mrs. Frank L. Taks
Membership Chairman

On Monday afternoon, November 19th at 12:30 o'clock, every woman who has paid her dues for the coming year will be the guest of our Women's League at a very lovely luncheon which will be held at Hotel Esplanade.

Mrs. Frank L. Taks, our hard working Membership Chairman and embryonic poetess, says,

"You just have to believe it
Because it is true,
The loveliest program
Has been arranged for you.
Beautiful flowers will be brought
from near and far
And set before you in bowl, vase
and jar.
Alfredo himself, will give you a
professional touch
For artistic home floral arrangements,
which mean so much."
There will also be a delightful
program of vocal selections which
will be presented by Mrs. Louis Wall,
accompanied by Helen L. Weinberg.
The following are the hostesses
who have made this unusual afternoon
possible: Mesdames Sol Bellsey,
Siegfried Bendheim, Al Braff,
Annie Eisenberg, Walter Freeman,
Isador Friedman, Herbert S. Goldstein,
Leopold Hirsch, Morris Jablow,
Harold Kaplan, Max Koch, Moses Langer,
Lillian Levine, Joseph Liebergall,
Louis Meisel, Meyer Pargament,
Joseph Rosenberg, Louis Shlansky,
Eddie Schreiber, Harry Verschleiser,
Bertha Warshauer, Harry Ward,
Louis Wall, Jennie Yabrow.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?



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ISRAEL DIARY

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this nature the flames would burst up into the sky, there would be a reshuffling of the crowd away from the fire and the circle would become enlarged. The skies were absolutely aglow and it was a thrilling sight, particularly since singing and dancing were an integral part of the procedure.

Thousands of people from all over Israel have gone to Meron, near Safed, to be present at the traditional Lag B'Omer celebration at the Tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai. Torches and bon-fires were lit at this shrine at 8 o'clock last night and the multitudes of people who had come great distances for this occasion danced and sang ecstatically, throughout the night.

Jerusalem, Friday, May 25th, 1951

The problems of a house-wife are very great. In the first place, practically everything is rationed - potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggs, meat, butter, flour, fish, laundry soap, (one piece a month), etc., etc., etc. The quantities are uncannily small. Even with a ration card you cannot always get what you are entitled to, because each market gets only a limited supply of everything and unless you get to the market as soon as the supplies come in, and



"AS
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 IT"

449th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS
"One Is Not To Eat Of The First Fruits"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded not to eat the First Fruits as we read in Deuteronomy, chapter 12, verse 17, "thou mayest not eat within thy gates . . . the heave offering of thine hand." This refers to the First Fruits (see Deuteronomy, Chapter 26, verse 1-11) which were brought to Jerusalem to be given to the priest and to be eaten by them **only**, within the walls of Jerusalem. The Priest was not permitted to eat of the First Fruits until the owner offered the prayer concerning them, as it is found in Deuteronomy, Chapter 26, verses 1-11. However, if he ate of them before this special prayer was said, he has trespassed a negative commandment. "Mention of burnt-offerings and sacrifices is omitted from the

stand on line for a very long time, you find that the supply is exhausted. You may not then go to another store, like we do in America. Here you may only market in your neighborhood store, which is designated on your ration card.

Bread is not rationed and there are always quantities of it available, hence no one has to starve.

ADDITIONAL DAILY MORNING SERVICES AT 7:20

We are happy to announce that some our college and high school young men are anxious to attend morning daily services and at the same time reach school or college by 9 o'clock. We are therefore adding another minyan to meet at 7:20 A.M. daily, except Sunday, not only for the convenience of these students but also for other adults who find our first service at 6:45 too early and our second service at 8 o'clock too late. We trust there will be many who will take advantage of this additional morning service for public worship.

list, because these could only be eaten by the priests within the Temple precincts (Lev. VI, 19, VII, 6); whereas the other foods could be eaten anywhere within the limits of the Holy City.

The First Fruits had to be placed in the Temple Court before eating. An Israelite who ate of them even after saying the prayer received the death penalty by the hand of G-d, for the Bible says that an Israelite is not to eat of the Holy foods. After the prayer had been said the laws governing the first fruits were the same as the laws of the heave offering.

This law prevailed when the Temple stood. It referred to male and female. The first fruits were to include those of the 7 species, mentioned in Deuteronomy, Chapter 8, verse 8, namely, "wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranets, olives, and honey." This produce was to represent the Holy Land but not Trans-Jordania. Whilst the bringing of the first fruits was incumbent only upon the males, the laws concerning the eating of them were the same for males and females. The Priest who trespassed this law and ate of the first fruits (the size of an olive) before they were placed in the court of the Temple, trespassed our negative commandment and was to receive stripes.

WHY DON'T YOU, TOO JOIN OUR LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE?

We are happy to announce that the popular courses in the Hebrew language and the lectures by Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig have ever increasing numbers attending. Why not start this week. Come with your family and friends. Please note schedules:

Monday Night at 7:30

4 levels of Hebrew

Tuesday Morning at 11:00

Elementary Hebrew (for women)

Tuesday Nights at 8:00

Professor Hoenig on "Jewish History".

IN MAKING A WILL

When you make your Last Will and Testament and desire to make a bequest to our Institution, please be sure and name our Institution in the following words: "I give, bequeath and devise to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a religious Corporation of the State of New York, located at 120-138 West 76th Street, the sum of \$....."

STOP! LOOK! READ!

A novel **Social** group is being organized. Girls of the age of 17 and up, and fellows 18 to 20, are invited to join this new group. The program for the season will consist of a series of socials and projects which the group will sponsor. For further information please call:

Susan Cohen En 2-3489

Doris L. Fingerhut Sc 4-1519

Rene A. Kaufman En 2-5347

Maxine M. Udell Tr 7-1260

Membership Committee

MIDTOWN "TAG" FRATERNITY FOR POST BAR-MITZVAHS

A Fraternity, the "Tags", has just been organized for boys who have recently been Bar Mitzvah. The Fraternity will have the use of the Jewish Center gym on Sunday mornings from 11:45 to 1:00 o'clock. They will also sponsor various club activities, including all-day hikes, trips, etc.

Preceding the weekly gym sessions, the W.S.I.S. Chapter of the club meets at the W.S.I.S. at 10:30 o'clock, for a short seminar on Jewish Classics conducted by our Athletic Director, Mr. Jack Tomor.

A gym pass is given to those who attend the seminar. Please be on time this and every Sunday as there is a full and interesting program.

MIDTOWN JEWISH COLLEGIATE COUNCIL NEWS

The Collegiates will be happy to welcome all college age people at their weekly forum at the Jewish Center, 131 West 86 Street.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Herman Axelrod, lecturer in the graduate school of Yeshiva University, and principal of the Jewish Community School. He will speak on "A Half Century of Jewish Education".

A social hour will follow.

The Council will meet the following week at the W.S.I.S.

COLLEGIATE NOTES

College young men of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council will meet at the Jewish Center Gymnasium this Sunday Nov. 11 at 2:00 P.M. It is expected that a large number of our members will avail themselves of this opportunity of engaging in basketball and other athletics.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening4:24

Weekly Portion: Lech L'Chaw

Genesis 12:1 - 17:27. Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16.

Friday Evening Service4:35

Saturday Morning Services9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten for

Children 4 to 610:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....3:00

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:00

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:30

Mincha Service4:00

Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward

Reader of Service: Judah Gottlieb

The Sabbath Terminates5:12

Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha4:40

Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

This Week's Bible Readings

Psalms 28 to 34

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Youth Activities

ADULT CHORAL GROUP BEING FORMED

In order to expand the program of our Choral Group, we are issuing a call for more young men with good voices. This adult group, under the direction of Michael Hirsch, will from time to time perform in our Synagogue at Festival Services, musical evenings, and social events. Rehearsals are held Wednesday evening at 8:30. Those who are interested are asked to please call Rabbi Greenwald at TR 7-8281 for further information.

OUR BOYS MAKE GOOD

We take pleasure in announcing the athletic accomplishments of our WSIS Royal members. Herman Lakritz, Eddie Lipstein, Manny Schnur and Elliot Wohl became members of the Joan of Arc Varsity basketball team. Herbert Goldberg made the Bronx Science swimming team. We congratulate them and we are confident that they will bring honor to our institution.

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Boys of our Talmud Torah can spend their Sundays very enjoyably by attending a gym session at the Jewish Center every Sunday at 1:00 P.M. The girls of our Talmud Torah have use of our Game Room every Sunday from 11:30 to 12:30.

VISIT OUR GAME ROOM

The WSIS Game Room is equipped to serve the recreational needs of youth of all ages. You can enjoy ping pong, Parker Baseball, Nok-Hoky, chess, checkers and a host of other fascinating table games. Above all you can enjoy the fine spirit of friendship which prevails in the Game Room at all times.

GAME ROOM SCHEDULE

Saturday	8 to 10 P.M.
Sunday	8 to 10 P.M.
Monday	8 to 10 P.M.

NEW GIRLS GROUP

"The Gems," a newly formed girls club is sponsoring a Social to be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 8:00 P.M. in the social hall. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

Officers of the Gems are: Diane Hirsch—Pres., Helen Applebaum—V.P., Sara Bloch—Sec., Ruth Fisher—Treas.

All girls between the ages of 13-15 are invited to join. Meetings are held every Sunday morning from 11:00 to 12:00. Preceding the meeting, girls may join a seminar in Jewish Classics with Post Bar Mitzvah Boys.

WANTED

Young Man

Scout Master or Cub Master for Troop No. 530

Call Rabbi Greenwald TR 7-8281

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis, in our Beth Medrash on "Shabbos B'rayshis" was a gala and glorious climax to the high festival season. The hosts of the occasion were our Simchas Torah Chasanim, Joseph Liebergall, Irving Silver and Samuel K. Beier. The overflow attendance of guests were in a highly festive mood . . . Bon Voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendheim who recently flew overseas to Europe and Israel . . . It seems that not even the highly inclement weather of last Saturday could interfere with our unbroken record of unusually large attendances at our Sabbath morning services—the best evidence, no doubt, of the inspired singing of our noted Cantor Yavneh and the soul-stirring sermons of our Rabbis Goldstein and Reichel, and we mean every word of it . . . Glad to see at services, Melvin Koch . . . We welcome with wide open arms into our congregational fold as new members Arthur Murray Aibinder and Abraham Robinov . . . We are certain that there will be no complaint of **this** little Indian - our heartiest congratulations and mazel-tov to Mr. David Wartell upon the **birth** of a grandson in, of all places, Albuquerque, New Mexico . . . Our Social Department has a program of social activities for every age level of our younger set. Therefore we urge all our members and friends to send in the names and ages of their young ones so that we can be in communication with them at all times concerning our social program . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. William Ball, Director and Mrs. Harry Mirken, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Udell, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Yavneh . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Arthur Murray Aibinder, Jacob Bayer, Director Moses Jack Berlin, Sylvia Livingston Bernstein, Ellen Joyce Cohen, Jules S. Cohen, Samuel Cohen, Mrs. Sam Ehrman, Mrs. D. S. Girshweir, Deborah Jane Goldstein, Miriam Herman, Leo Jacobowitz, Nathan Kamerman, Harold Kaplan, Jeanne Sara Pash, Laurance David Rebhun, Anna G. Robinov, Mrs. Max Stokar, and Dr. Louis Wexler . . . Please do not forget the dinner tendered to Rabbi Goldstein. Your presence will help the greatest institution of learning in this country and at the same time pay tribute to our beloved Rabbi and friend . . . We wish a Refuah Shleyma to our member Ulrich Muhlmann.

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Contributions in answer to the Shemini Atzeres Yizkor Appeal for the W.S.I.S. Homes for Children in Israel are coming in daily at our office. Among our contributors are: Arthur Aibinder, Benjamin Axel, Joseph Baer, Mrs. Rachel Barowsky, Samuel Berger, Mrs. E. Bloch, Samuel Blumberg, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bodenheimer, Annette Chrein, Herman H. Cohen, Rebecca Dack, Mrs. Minnie Dankner, Ira N. Davidson, Mrs. Helen Doppelt, Julius I. Dorfman, Benjamin Dworkin, Mrs. F. Dym, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg, Abraham Eisenman, Maurice M. Faber, Stanley Feiner, Bernard Feinman, Eva Fink, A. Finkelstein, Anna Frank, H. Friedberg, Philip Force, Simon Fuchs, Nathan Gellens, Philip Gertner, Madeline Gittler, Warren R. Goldsmith, Jean Goldwurn, Abraham Goodman, Joseph J. Greenberg, Jean Gross, Nathan Halperns, Max Harris, I. Haselkorn, Harry I. Horn, Max M. Horowitz, Ettie Jaffin, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jesselson, Sol Joseph, Morris Kampfer, Herman Kaminsky, Jacob Kaplan, Irving W. Karpf, Morris Katz, Mrs. T. Katzenstein, Leona Kessler, Mrs. Rachel Kronberg, A. Kronfeld, Max Lazarus, Bertha Lebowitz, Shepherd Levmore, Adolph Meiorowitz, Mrs. Tillie Meisel, Bernhardt M. Meisels, Esq., Mrs. Gussie Offerman, I. Oksenberg, Frieda Osterweil, M. L. Pargament, Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, A. Reinhold, E. Reutlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rudnick, Jenny Salamon, L. Schamroth, Jack Schloss, Ella Segalowitz, Frank Seiden, Elmer Settel, Mrs. G. Shapiro, Rev. Herman Shapiro, Mrs. Pauline Sirota, A. Solomon, Isidore Soshnick, Benjamin Spanbock, Mrs. Ben Spieler, Staff of P.S. 75 in memory of Harry G. Magdol, Robert Strelitz, Herbert Tumpowsky, Lester Udell, S. Wander, Bess Wasserman, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Whitcup, Philip Wohl.


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