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ORTHODOXY TAKES THE INITIATIVE

**Orthodox Union Convention
November 22 - 26 at
Riverside Plaza Hotel**

By Rabbi Irwin Gordon

On Thanksgiving Day 1951, Orthodox leaders in the United States and Canada will gather in New York City for the beginning of the National Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The Convention gains in importance when one considers the American Jewish scene today. To our credit, it is quite clear that despite the social, economic and ideological upheavals of past years, the great majority of American Jews identify themselves with historic Judaism. There is too, the constant growth of Jewish schools and institutions of learning—Synagogues, Talmud Torahs, Day Schools, Rabbinical Seminaries and a great University—most of them firmly rooted in American soil.

Most important of all, perhaps, is the great number of convinced, observant Jews who have succeeded in making Torah-true Judaism an indigenous part of modern America. Traditional Judaism can be fully satisfied with its aristocracy of learning an intellect. It has matured the best minds in American Jewry. The future leaders of American Jewry can be no other than those who have gained their superior Jewish equipment and deep convictions in the Orthodox home or school.

Particularly during recent years has the Union come to play a major role in the orthodox and general communities. Its publications, community organization and education programs have made it the rallying point for orthodox forces across the country.

The Union has invited to its Convention not only its 500 member congregations, but every orthodox congregation and group in the United States. Their deliberation and discussions on social action, education, youth, Armed Forces, synagogue standards and administration must and will set the direction for the future activity of American orthodoxy.

FLASH! LAST CALL!!

Women's League
Membership Luncheon
Hotel Esplanade

Monday, November 19 at 12:30 o'clock all paid-up members and prospective members are invited to be our guests for this delightful afternoon.

Phone your reservation to

Mrs. Frank L. Taks
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EN. 2-4687

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MENS CLUB NOTES

Mr. Frank L. Taks, Pres. of the Mens Club invites all members to a regular meeting of the Mens Club this Monday November 19 at 8:30 P.M.

Refreshments and Social Hour will follow the meeting.

IMPORTANT

The Armed Forces Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America stands ready to help you with your Selective Service problems. Should you have any questions in reference to your draft status, delays in inductions or any other military subject, call; Armed Forces Division, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, 305 Broadway, New York 7, New York, BEekman 3-2220.

RABBI REICHEL GUEST PREACHER

Rabbi Reichel will be the guest preacher of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue at their Thanksgiving Day Morning Service, Thursday, November 22 at 11 o'clock. Let us all be there.

SAMUEL W. SIEGEL



Pres. of Jewish Community School

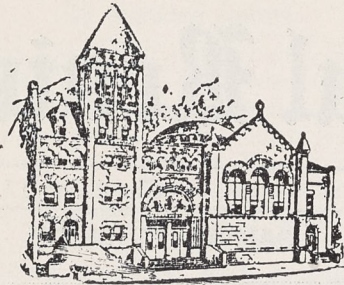
The EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER of the JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL is being held on SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 25th, at the HOTEL AM-BASSADOR.

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Attendance at this Dinner should be your part of saying that you support the school wholeheartedly. There will be no appeals.

Reservations, contributions and inquiries should be directed to our own 2nd Vice President, Mr. Samuel W. Siegel, who is President of the School, at 110 Manhattan Ave., N.Y.C. Tel. MO 2-9504.



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

Jerusalem, Wed. May 30, 1951, 8 P.M.

Yesterday morning we started off bright and early, at about 8:30, for our first trip of this season. As we drove through the streets we could tell, without looking, just where every vegetable and every grocery store was located. How? Because in front of every one of these vitally important stopping places on the house-wife's daily route, was a long line of women with their marketing bags in one hand and their ration cards in the other. Some few, whose physical endurance was not up to the strain of standing so long, indulged themselves in the luxury of using an overturned vegetable box, as a stool.

Long lines or queues, as they are called here, also surrounded every one of the good old-fashioned horse-drawn milk wagons which we passed. Here women were waiting with their milk cans in one hand and ration cards in the other, to get their allotted quart of milk.

The Hebrew letters and signs on all the stores, no longer appeared strange - as in previous years. Now it seemed just the natural thing and I was no more surprised at this than I was when I saw French signs in



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450th OF THE BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not To Forsake The Levite"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are cautioned not to forsake the Levites nor to be derelict in paying them their portion. In other words we should not delay giving them their Tithes, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 12, verse 19, "Take heed in thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon thy land." The Levite was entitled to extra consideration, because he had no landed possessions. In the diaspora where all of us are disinherited, as it were, the Levite who is poor is in the same category as any other poor Jew.

G-d in His wisdom and in His consideration for the whole of Israel chose one tribe to be without any landed possessions in the Holy Land. This tribe was not to spend its time to plow, or to sow the fields or to dig ditches or to water fields, but rather to give up all its time to study

France or Italian signs in Italy. Hebrew is the official language of Israel.

As we left the City of Jerusalem and came out on the main highway we saw what is an indispensable element in the physical development of the State of Israel. At periodic intervals there were large bands of stalwart looking men working on the roads, some of which they were widening and others they were just keeping in good condition.

Near Kiryat Anavim, one of the oldest and most beautiful settlements of Israel (which specializes in grape culture) there has grown up, since last year, one of the youngest settlements. It is made up entirely of refugees from Jugoslavia.

At Eshtoel, which was a young WORK VILLAGE last year with only ten huts, there are now many stone houses. Situated, as it is, on the side of a hill, its expansion is clearly apparent. This settlement is specializing in tree planting.

Our first stop was at NATIVA,

the wisdom of the ways of G-d, so that they might teach G-d's ways and His laws to their brethren of every city and hamlet.

Our verse concludes with the words, "as long as thou livest upon thy land". This is a warning that the people should be very careful to understand that their prosperity in the Holy Land is related to their conduct. In other words, Israel's heritage is safe so long as it takes care of the Sages of Israel. G-d gave the rain, etc., so that Israel can give the Tithe to the Levite. If Israel is lax then no rain, etc., come.

This commandment of course prevailed only so long as Israel was on its own land. One who trespassed it and forsook the Levite and failed to pay the Tithe, broke the second negative commandment concerning this matter. In view of the fact that no positive act was involved on the part of the sinner, the punishment of stripes was withheld. We also may learn from this, that it is our duty today to support and to look out for the well-being of those who are busy in the study of the Torah, for they establish the truth of Judaism and strengthen the Faith and increase peace in the world. They are lovers of mankind and bring joy to the inhabitants of a country. All who have mercy upon them and seek their well-being will find mercy from G-d and "a portion" in the world to come.

where Dad's second Children's Village is to be located. When it was bought last year, it was occupied by a group of young people who were using it as a HACHSHARAH a place where they were getting training, preparatory to settling in a KIBBUTZ. They were unable to get into this KIBBUTZ till about 3 weeks ago, hence nothing could be done at NATIVA, as far as the Children's Village was concerned, till very recently. Since then the architect and builders have been busy. They showed us the plans for a beautifully laid out Children's Village, which will house 150 children, in about 2 months, with provisions for many additional children when they get the money to put up additional buildings. All kinds of facilities for work and play as well as for the comfort and well being of the children, are included in the plans, which show school rooms, a large dining room and kitchen, store room for provisions, work shops for teaching the children trades and six modern dormitory buildings.

ASSOCIATION OF RELIGIOUS PARTIES OF THE WEST SIDE

The Agudath Israel Women of Midtown open meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Moses Polian, 310 W. 99th St., on Tuesday, November 20, at 8:30 P.M. Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Serry Wallerstein, who has just returned from Israel.

The Manhattan Chapter of Miz-rachi Women Dessert Luncheon and Installation of Officers will be held at the home of Mrs. Joshua Koenigs-berg, 225 W. 86th St., on Wednes-day, November 21, at 12 noon. Our Director Ben Glazer will install the officers. The humorist, Alan Corelli, will perform.

Rabbi Reichel and our member Mark Linker were instrumental in thus broadening the base of reli-gious unity in our neighborhood.

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES ARE IN FULL SWING

It is not too late to join one of the fine adult classes in Hebrew (on all levels) which is being offered in our Laymen's Institute. An additional course in Intermediate Hebrew will be given for women, on Tuesdays at noon, if registration will warrant it. For further information regarding these courses, please contact Rabbi Reichel, the Registrar.

Professor Hoenig's lectures on Jewish History every Tuesday eve at 8 o'clock. You are in for a treat, why miss it?

YOUTH DEPT' CALENDAR

- SATURDAY, NOV. 17
 - Oneg Shabbos (Boys) 3:00 P.M.
 - Oneg Shabbos (Girls) 3:45 P.M.
 - SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 7:30 P.M.
 - Social by "Gems" for Boys and Girls, 13 to 17.
 - SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 11:00 A.M.
 - "Gems" for girls over 13.
 - Class with Post Bar-Mitzvah Boys at 10:15.
 - MONDAY, NOV. 19, 7:30 P.M.
 - "Maccabees" 12 to 13 yrs. old Boys Group
 - TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 7:30 P.M.
 - Boys, 16 yr. old group
 - WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21
 - W.S.I.S. Royals at P.S. 87 Gym, 7:30 P.M.
 - Boy Scout Troop No. 530, 7:30 P.M.
 - Male Choral Group, 8:30 P.M.
 - THURSDAY, NOV. 22
 - Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council all day outing and hike
- For particulars contact RABBI GREENWALD, Tr. 7-8281.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

- Light Candles Friday Evening4:17
- Weekly Portion: Vayerah
- Genesis 18:1-22:24 II Kings 4:1-37
- Friday Evening Service4:30
- Saturday Morning Services9:00
- Junior Congregation10:30
- Sabbath Kindergarten for Children 4 to 610:30
- Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:50
- Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 2:50
- Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:30
- Mincha Service3:50
- Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh
- Reader of Torah: David Lax
- The Sabbath Terminates5:05
- Daily Services:
 - Morning6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30
 - Mincha4:30
- Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein
- This Week's Bible Readings:
 - PSALMS 35 to 41.

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Youth Activities

WILL WE MEET YOU FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE COLLEGIATE COUNCIL FORUM

Young men and young women of our colleges are invited to attend the Forum this Friday night, Nov. 16th at 8:30 o'clock, at the W.S.I.S.

Topic: "Economic Prospects in Israel And the Israeli Bond Drive". Guest Speaker: David Levine, Esq. Vice-President of the UOJCA; Member of the Religious Division of the Israeli Bond Drive; President of the American Levant Machinery Corporation of the U.S. and Israel. Group Singing, Social mixing and refreshments, are the other ingredients of the evening.

STAMP CLUB

Mr. Alexander Kirsh welcomes the young and still younger alike to attend the next of the bi-weekly meetings of the W.S.I.S. Stamp Club, this Monday night, Nov. 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

Our readers who receive foreign mail in their offices, etc., are urged to send their stamps to Mr. Kirsh c/o the W.S.I.S. Stamp Club, for distribution among the members and visitors of the Club.

FOR POST BAR MITZVAHS

Jewish studies mix very well with Basketball in the Sunday morning program of the "Tag" Fraternity, a Club of Post Bar Mitzvahs sponsored by the W.S.I.S., Jewish Center and Ohav Zedek Congregations.

Following an interesting seminar in Jewish Classics for boys and girls, conducted by Mr. Tomor on Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock, the boys join their fraternity members at the Jewish Center gym for basketball.

Hope to see you this Sunday morning.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Special tutoring is being arranged for latecomers in our 4 Beginners classes for children 4 to 12.

Every Jewish child deserves a Jewish education. Rabbi Reichel will be glad to help our parents plan their children's programs to fit in with their other activities. Do not delay. Call or write right away.

SATURDAY MORNING KINDERGARTEN SERVICE

Children from 4 to 6 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.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Modesty is a virtue to which we can hardly make claim when it comes to reporting the accomplishments of our members. In the case of our member Rudolph Halley, however, the newspapers have had a week jump on us to scoop the news of his election as President of New York's City Council, and to lavish on him the encomiums that we otherwise would. We might add that W.S.I.S. embraced Rudolph to its congregational breast **before**. We were glad to see him in Shule after election as well as before. We were happy to have at our last Shabbos morning services Mr. A. L. Gellman, successor to the late Rabbi Meyer Berlin, President of the World Miz-rachi Movement. We were also delighted to see our Director Joseph Anderson back with us at services . . . More new prospective members for W.S.I.S.: Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levine upon the **birth** of Jay Steven to their children Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Levine. And, our heartfelt gratitude to the grandparents for their generous contribution of prayer books in honor of the occasion; and to Mr. and Mrs. David Elfenbein upon the **birth** of a daughter Lisa to their children Mr. and Mrs. Irving Elfenbein; and to Mrs. Louis Feldman upon the **birth** of Laraine to her children Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Feldman . . . The W.S.I.S. to Israel shuttle continues to operate without interruption — Bon Voyage to Mr. Geza Fischer, famous orthodox Jewish artist who sailed for Israel this week . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Leon Jacobowitz and Max Liebowitz, and to Jeffrey Mand, . . . **Wedding Anniversary** Greetings to the following for Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Landau, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Redlich, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schloss, our Men's Club President and Mrs. Frank L. Taks, and many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Barbara Allen, Director Sol Bellsey, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Mrs. Bertha Cohen, Andrew Harold Feinstein, Susan Gross, Jason Jacobowitz, Dr. I. W. Kahn, Jerry Kameron, Richard Elihu Kobrin, Mrs. Sam Lieberman, Alan Mirken, Mrs. A. Neustadter, Mrs. Julius Rosan, 2nd Vice-President Samuel W. Siegel, David Siegler . . . Come in and enjoy the improved decorum at our Sabbath morning services. Thanks are due to Herman H. Cohen and the Men's Club Staff of Ushers: Abraham Eisenman, Jacob Goldberg, Hyman B. Gordon, Isak Haselkorn, H. William Hirsch, Isidore Lauer, Max Lazarus, and Isidore Sterkin . . .

A HINT TO THOSE WHO WERE ALSO ABSENT

November 1, 1951

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I am herewith enclosing my check for \$50.00 for the Homes for Children in Israel as per your appeal the past Yizkor Service, which I was **unable to attend**.

However am not waiting for a reminder from you about it. Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,
Albert Blumberg

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Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Lee Florence upon the passing of his mother

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Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Henry Silver upon the loss of his sister

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