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General Membership Meeting Monday, December 10th, 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Goldsteins Forum; Hon. F. D. Roosevelt Jr., Guest Speaker

**LAST CALL!!!
WOMEN'S LEAGUE
ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND
FASHION SHOW
MONDAY AFTERNOON,
DECEMBER 10 — HOTEL PIERRE**



Mrs. Harold Kaplan

Chairman, Subscription Books
Enthusiasm is running high for the major fund raising project on our Women's League Annual Calendar.

No woman in our congregation should miss this extraordinary social event.

An outstanding Fashion Show of stunning gowns by Sydelle-Marie Yates, with hats by Dorothy Gordon, and furs by Frederica, and a remarkable galaxy of lovely prizes, including a beautiful sterling silver coffee service, are but a few of the features which will linger along in the memories of those who will be privileged to attend.

The purchase of a \$15.00 Book of Subscriptions for the coffee service will entitle the purchaser to a complimentary ticket for the Luncheon.

If you have not already made your reservation, we suggest that you do so, by making your check of \$15.00, **at once**, payable to Women's League, W.S.I.S. and mailing it to Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Chairman, 25 West 81st Street, TR. 4-5068 or to Mrs. Lester Udell, Treasurer, 225 West 86th Street, TR. 7-1260.

**SYNAGOGUE BOND DRIVE
LAST SATURDAY MORNING**



Abraham M. Druckman

A fervent appeal was made by Rabbi Goldstein on behalf of the Israeli Bond Drive. Mr. Morton Rubenstein, in charge of the Religious Division of the Drive, announced the many subscriptions in addition to the synagogue's own subscription of \$5000. from its treasury.

Our director, Mr. A. M. Druckman, thanked the congregation for its support. We hope that all those who were absent will send us their checks for bonds. These checks must be made out to "State of Israel."

The name and the honor of the Jew are intimately connected with the success of the Israeli Bond Drive.

**RESERVE DECEMBER 23
Womens League and Mens Club
Chanukah Party**

We trust that all men and women of our Congregational family will set aside Sunday night Dec. 23 for the Womens League and Mens Club Chanukah Party.

Mrs. Harry Ward, Pres. of the Womens League and Mr. Frank L. Taks, Pres. of the Mens Club assure us that it will be an evening worthwhile attending. Refreshment, music and entertainment. For further details see our next weeks Review.



Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.

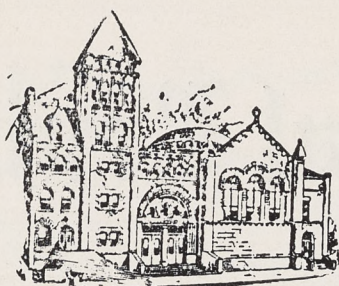
All our members are cordially invited and urged to attend our Annual Membership Meeting, for the purpose of electing Trustees and Directors, this Monday December 10 at 8:30 P.M.

As a special attraction for the evening the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Forum, will deliver an address to the entire assemblage.

Congressman Roosevelt is very well known in our community as the successor to our late member Congressman Sol Bloom. As a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and of the Sub-Committees on Africa and the Near East and Information and Public Affairs, we are sure that Mr. Roosevelt's talk will be informative and of great value.

Rabbi Goldstein will, as in the past, inspire us with his talk on "The Talmud".

The Mens Club will act as hosts for the evening. Refreshments will be served.



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MEMBER CONGREGATION



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EIGHT YEARS OF TORAH UMESORAH

On December 11th, Torah Umesorah will convene its Eighth Annual Dinner Conference at the Essex House, in New York City.

Torah Umesorah has helped found almost 40 Hebrew Day Schools (Yeshivos Ketanos) throughout the length and breadth of America, in the few years of its existence. In addition, it can point to an impressive array of interesting Torah publications for young and old, a whole series of constructive educational supervisory visits, intensive research in teaching techniques, the organization of a National PTA body — The National Association of Hebrew Day School PTA's, and a National Federation of Day School Teachers and Principals — Moriah. This past year, Torah Umesorah, not being content to rest on its laurels, has established its first regional office in Dallas, Texas, to serve America's Southwest and Southeast.

In a deep and abiding sense, Torah Umesorah has provided the most basic answer to the problem of our survival in America. It has given the Orthodox Jewish community a new lease on life.

At its Eight Annual Dinner at the Essex House, Torah Umesorah will review its past accomplishments and map its plans for the future.



"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"

454th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not To Add To The Torah To The Oral Or The Written Law"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

We are commanded to refrain from adding to the Torah as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13, verse 1, "And all this word shall I command you that ye shall observe to do; thou shalt not add thereto nor diminish from it."

Constant changes would tend to disturb the whole system of the Torah, and would lead people to believe that it was not of Divine origin. But permission is given to the wise men, i.e. the Sanhedrin of every generation, to make "fences" round the judgements of the Torah, in order to ensure their observance. In the same manner, they have the power temporarily to dispense with some religious act prescribed in the Torah, or to allow that which is forbidden, if exceptional circumstances and events require it; but none of the laws can be abrogated permanently (Maimonides).

This prohibition is of more than theoretic interest in our own day. The various attempts made by revo-

lutionary religious leaders to "accommodate" Judaism to present-day conditions have all suffered spiritual shipwreck, because they acted in defiance of either "ye shall not add unto the word which I command you," or of "neither shall ye diminish from it." On the one hand, some attempted "to diminish" Judaism by such vital things as the Sabbath, the Hebrew language, and the love of Zion. And, on the other hand, there are those who, besides, are prepared to add" to the Jewish Heritage things that constitute a serious weakening of the Unity of G-d and a radical departure from other fundamental principles of the Jewish Faith. (Hertz).

No one may select, reject or add according to his own notions. He who acts contrary to this spirit worships himself rather than worshipping G-d. The Torah is a prescription for body and soul given by G-d, the great Physician and Healer. Any changes in the prescription, on our part, are presumptuous, to say the least.

Some of the commentators point out that this command refers only to the positive commandments of the Torah. As for instance one is not allowed to put on two T'Filin, on the head or hand.

This commandment prevails at all times and at all places, it refers to males and females alike. One who breaks this negative command is guilty of receiving stripes, providing, of course, that there were witnesses present and he was warned in advance of the consequences of his act, that he would receive stripes.

SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

The W.S.I.S. Senior League, composed of young adults of our Congregational Family, had a most successful organizational meeting and social at the home of Miss Debbie Siegel. A very interesting series of social affairs and program was planned for the coming season. Young people of our Congregation who are interested in joining this group are urged to call the Synagogue office and leave their names.

A prominent psychiatrist will address the League at their next meeting on Sunday night Dec. 17th.

COLLEGIATE FORUM FRIDAY NIGHT

The Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council will have as its guest speaker at the W.S.I.S. this Friday night, December 7, Mr. Isaac Allen, a prominent lawyer, writer, and Jewish communal leader. His topic will be "Tomorrow's Jewry". All collegiates are invited.

The Jewish Center Gym will be open for the collegiates this Sunday, December 9, at 2 P.M.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Robert Hofbauer upon the passing of his father, Gotz Hofbauer.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the leader of Talmud class, Mr. Isaac Allen, upon the passing of his brother Phillip.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY**Gustave Roth**

The whole Congregation felicitates our devoted loyal Director, Mr. Gustave Roth on the occasion of his 90th birthday. We wish him all happiness "Ahd Meah V'Esrin Shannah" (until 120 years).

REMINDER FOR YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

The W.S.I.S. League will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Finkelstein, this Sunday night, December 9th, at 8:30 o'clock. Best Seller".

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	4:10
Weekly Portion: Vahyaytsay	
Friday Evening Service	4:20
Saturday Morning Services	8:45
Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for	
Children 3 to 6	10:30
Rabbi Ruchels Class in Rambam	2:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	2:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	2:45
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3:30
Mincha Service	3:45
Reader of Torah: Murray Yavneh	
Reader of Service: Bernard Israel	

The Sabbath Terminates4:57

Daily Services:

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

Mincha4:20

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

This Week's Bible Readings:

Psalms 56-62

Please Note!

A modern Ritualarium is located in our community, at 158 W. 97 St. MO 3-0300.

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THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

All of us realize that the problem of Israel is our problem and that the only way we can help is by giving financial support.

According to the United Jewish Appeal records many of our members and friends have thus far this year neglected to make a pledge for 1951. Have you made your pledge for this year?

We all remember the bitter years when Jews perished by the millions or were denied their right to a decent life of freedom. Today the lives of many thousands of people in Israel and the Moslem countries is just as terrible, with this one difference — we can save them.

The diet, the food, of the Israeli citizen has been cut down to a minimum. Here is a sample of a monthly ration, and some of these important food items are not always available, even with ration points.

Meat, 3/4 of a pound; Fish, 3/5 of a pound; Eggs, none; Potatoes, 2 pounds. **REMEMBER PER MONTH.**

And with it all, Israel does not dare halt immigration while our people behind the iron curtain and in the Moslem countries still live in terror and under tyranny.

Sympathy is not enough. What are you going to do to help? What are you going to do to help **NOW?**

Every Jew who can afford some contribution, should give to the United Jewish Appeal. If you have not as yet made your pledge or given your check please do so at once.

Time is marching on. We are certain that you appreciate the urgency of the situation and that you will be good enough to let us hear from you within the next few days, if possible.

LESTER UDELL
Honorary Chairman

JACOB KAPLAN
Chairman

Getting Personal

By Sanford Solarz

Our heartiest congregational welcome to our new members, Dr. Leo Lindenbaum, Nachman Horowitz, Solomon Kreitman, Isidore Sterkin, and Max Stone.

It is our hope that they will soon come to feel close to us as our veriest old timers . . . At the last Shabbos afternoon's Seuda Schlis, Bernard Levmore gave a most interesting and graphic account of his experiences and impressions during his recent sojourn in Israel. At next Shabbos' afternoon's Seuda Schlis the host will be our beloved first Vice President Aaron Wartels, in honor of the yahrzeit of his father . . . Further evidence of the universality of our members may be found this time in the widely separated places in which two of our members found their life mates. For instance, our Youth Dir. Rabbi Sidney A. Greenwald, did not have to go outside of the Synagogue house to find his wife in the person of our Head Kindergarten, Hadassah A. Einsidler; on the other hand, David, son of our good member of the Womens League, Irving Stebbins, has become betrothed to Miss Esther Jacobs of Los Angeles. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to both young couples. . .

We certainly do miss our Director, David Kamerman, at Services . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Herlands, upon reaching another happy and fruitful milestone in their wedded lives . . . Many happy returns of their **Birthdays** to Director Henry Blankfort, Michael Blankfort, Steven Eisenberg, Mrs. Annie Mirken, Director Moe Oltarsh, Sam Rubel, Fanny Steinmetz, — and Robert Jay Ratner, whose mother, Dorothy Ratner, is doing an excellent job as chairman of "Packages to Israel" in Woodbury, New Jersey . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Annie Mirken.

Happy to see Mr. Leo Jacobowitz back after his recent illness . . .

Delighted to see Miriam and Barbara Katz as well as Henry Hirsch and his daughter Carole Phyliss and his sons Richard Lewis and David Allan . . .

Flash! Mazel Tov to Dr. Bernard Weiss upon his engagement to Miss Doris Trotzky. Bernard, is the son of

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss and the grandson of Regina Margareten. Doris, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Trotzky and the granddaughter of Mr. Isadore Wiesenberger.

FOR YOUNG FOLKS

Remember the date, Sunday, December 9, (from 3:30 until midnight) for the huge **Fun'n Frolic Festival**, sponsored by the Junior Division of the U.J.A., at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, Park Ave. and 34 St., N.Y.C.

Subscription: \$3 per person.

Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council

Open Meeting and Movie Night
Sunday, Dec. 16 - 7:30 P.M.
at the W. S. I. S.

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Wednesday, Dec. 26 - 7:30 P.M.
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