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P.T.A. MEETING, DEC. 19th

To Feature Talk On
Jewish Holiday Parties

The opening meeting of our Talmud Torah Parent Teachers Association will be held on Wednesday night, Dec. 19th at 8:15 o'clock.

The timely topic for the evening will be "Jewish Holiday Parties for Your Children," Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein, past president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Worcester, Mass., will be the guest speaker. There will also be audience participation.

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Dedication of Library

In celebration of Jewish Book Month (November 23 to December 23) our Talmud Torah Library will be officially dedicated and opened for the season. Mrs. Isadore Golub, a member of our PTA, who was associated with the New York City Library System, has volunteered to be in charge of the Library.

Our readers who wish to join the Library staff are urged to contact Mrs. Golub on Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5, at the W.S.I.S.

Our Library can use more books on Jewish subjects and magazines for children.

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Meet the Teachers

Our parents will also have an opportunity to chat with their children's teachers at the close of the meeting.

We expect a record turnout at this first P.T.A. meeting of the season, not only because our School enrollment has considerably increased but also because we look forward to greater participation on the part of our parents in the growth of our School and its program.

All our readers and parents are cordially invited.

TALMUD TORAH CHANUKA ASSEMBLY — DEC. 23

Our pupils will present a special program for their parents, relatives, and friends at their Chanuka Assembly, Sunday morning, Dec. 23, at 10 o'clock.

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MEN'S CLUB NOTES

Mr. Frank L. Taks, President of the Men's Club, announces that its next meeting will be held on Monday evening, December 17, 1951 at 8:30 o'clock. Plans for the Chanukah Affair on December 23, 1951 and the Men's Club Shabbos on February 16, 1952 will be discussed. All the members and prospective members are cordially invited to attend.

COLLEGIATES ARE INVITED TO MEETING, SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16

A special program has been prepared at the open meeting of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council for Sunday evening, December 16, at 7:45 o'clock, to which all young men and young women of college age are cordially invited. The evening will feature a film, "The March of the Wooden Soldiers" with Laurel and Hardy, and music by Victor Herbert.

If our young readers would like to receive the Collegiate News Letter, a postcard or call to our Social Department office will bring the paper to your door.

The Collegiates will be the hosts to our out-of-town college men and women at their next Forum, Friday night, December 21, at 8:15 o'clock, at Beth Hillel, 122 West 95 St.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPEN MEETING

ISRAELI AFTERNOON

All the women of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend the next Open Meeting of our Women's League which will take the form of an Israeli Afternoon, to be held on Monday, December 17, 1951 at our Building. Coffee will be served promptly at 1 o'clock.

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Program

Israel — Summer of 1951

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with the aid of color slides.

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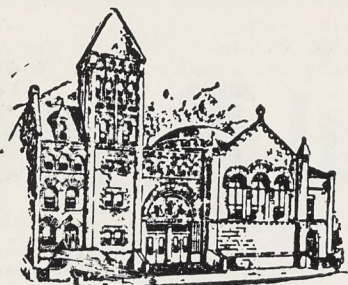
Due to the great shortage of food in Israel at present, everyone is asked to bring with them if possible, an item of food, which will be included to send to Israel shortly. Suggestions: Sugar, cocoa, tea, powdered coffee, powdered milk or powdered eggs.

DR. EFFRON, LEADING NEUROPSYCHIATRIST TO ADDRESS SENIOR LEAGUE

The young people (over 21) of our community are cordially invited to an Open Meeting of the W.S.I.S. Senior League this Sunday night, December 16, at 8:15 o'clock.

The guest speaker, Dr. Abraham Effron, will talk on "The Seven Ages of Man." Dr. Effron is affiliated with the New York City Bellevue and University Hospitals and practices in Patterson, N. J.

A social will follow.



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MEMBER CONGREGATION



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

Tuesday, June 5th, 1951, 5 P.M.

Our final stop on our programme for the day was S'DAY CHEMED — the West Side Institutional Synagogue Children's Village. The road from the main entrance to the centre of the Village, for about 1/4 of a mile is so sandy that it is impassable as far as an auto is concerned. Last year I covered this stretch in a donkey-cart. This year they have a JEEP into which I was literally lifted. In the Jeep I drove all around the Village — looked into the dormitories, dining-room, kitchen, hennery, cow-barn and vegetable gardens. Everything, including every inch of the grounds, is immaculately clean. The calf which was born one day before our visit to S'DAY CHEMED last year is now a grown-up cow. All the children look well and happy and everything seems to be running very smoothly. The frigidaire sent by our Women's League has reached Haifa and will be brought to S'DAY CHEMED shortly. We were completely satisfied with the situation we found at the W.S.I.S. Children's Village.

JERUSALEM, FRIDAY, JUNE 8th,

Since today is EREV SHABBAT and tomorrow is SHABBAT, the



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455th of the 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS "Not To Diminish Anything That The Torah Commands Us To Observe"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
We are bidden not to diminish that which the Torah commands us to observe, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13, verse 1, "Thou shalt not diminish from it."

If a doctor prescribes 3 pills, we are not to take two of them or in the spirit of the previous commandment, if he prescribes three we are not to take four. As Jehudah Halevy, in the Kuzari pointed out that G-d, who is our Almighty physician, gave us His detailed prescription. If we observe it we are cured spiritually. If we add or subtract, as in the case of the physician's prescription, we will not be cured completely.

456th BIBLICAL COMMANDMENT "Not To Listen To Prophecies In The Name Of Idolatry"

We are not to listen to Prophecies in the name of Idolatry, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13, verse

school children of Jerusalem welcome the Feast of Weeks (SHEVU-OUTH) yesterday, with the traditional ceremony of HABIKURIM, the offering of the first fruits.

With garlands of all kinds of flowers in their hair and small baskets full of fruits and vegetables in their hands, hundreds of children marched thru the main streets of Jerusalem to the Jewish National Fund Building where a program was presented on the steps of the entrance.

To the accompaniment of the Jerusalem Police Band, groups of children from various schools presented folk dances, sang and recited.

Earlier in the day, at their schools, the children had sold fruit and vegetables (which they had brought from their home gardens) to visiting mothers. The proceeds of the sales were turned over to the Jewish National Fund, at the ceremony.

Schools in the outlying communities and settlements throughout the country, celebrated with folk dancing and singing. The gifts which the

4, "thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, as the L-rd thy G-d putteth you to proof to know whether ye love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart and all your soul." We are not to ask for a sign or a miracle from a prophet of idolatry. This would be an evidence of treason against G-d Almighty.

This law refers to males and females. One who trespasses this commandment and who listens to a prophet who is prophesizing in the name of idolatry, trespasses this negative commandment.

457th BIBLICAL COMMANDMENT "Not To Incline One's Ear To The Words Of An Enticer"

We are not to incline an ear to the words of an enticer, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13, verses 7-10: "If thy brother entices these saying, 'let us go and serve other G-d,' thou shalt not consort with him."

458th BIBLICAL COMMANDMENT "The Hatred For An Enticer Should Be Set In Our Heart"

The hatred for an enticer should be set in our hearts, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13, verse 9, "Nor hearken unto him". Onkeles translates the verse, "thou shalt surely not forsake what you have in your heart." We are not to allow in this case, the hatred toward an enticer to forsake us. There is always the danger, that in loving the criminal, there is a subconscious acceptance of the crime.

children brought from home, to be sold for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund included not only flowers, fruit, and vegetables but, some children whose parents had no gardens brought young lambs and other animals.

Here, in Israel, stress is laid upon the national and agricultural side of the festivals, with very little, if any reference to the spiritual and religious sides. It is apparent, then, why young people who grow up in Israel have a very different approach to the Jewish religion and its ceremonies than observant young people in other countries.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member

LENA GAMSON

and to the family of our late member,

MORRIS KLETTER

OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM

Our boys who are in the Armed Services, overseas and in training camps in the States, have been sent Chanuka packages and encouraging words from our Rabbis. Thanks to Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, and Mrs. Louis Wexler for setting up the packages.

Members of our Congregational Family who are in the Armed Services should be on our mailing list. They receive our weekly "Review", and are kept in contact with the Armed Services Division of the U.O.J.C.A. Please send the names, serial numbers, and addresses of the boys in the Service to the office, and we will be glad to service them.

SYNAGOGUE AND MAN

The synagogue is always filled with "G-D'S" presence.

Man should enter therein to offer-up his prayers in all humility.

Conversation is a direct contradiction to devotion and concentration in prayer.

It indicates a lack of appreciation for the sanctity of the house of prayer.

The man who turns his back to the Ark in conversation, creates a breach to respect to the Torah.

IRVING LEVY.

THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION

We urge all of you to think of tomorrow, by arranging now, when you are able to do so calmly and deliberately, for a resting place for yourself and family. Save your survivors the stress and strain in time of crisis.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening4:10

Weekly Portion: Vayishlach

Genesis—32:4-36:43 — Obadiah 1:1-21

Friday Evening Service4:20

Saturday Morning Services9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten for

Children 3 to 610:30

Rabbi Reichel's Class in Maimonides

For Young People2:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:45

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:30

Mincha Service3:45

Reader of Torah: Jay Kobrin.

Reader of Service: Judah Gottlieb.

Followed by the Seudah Shlishis

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 63 to 69.

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Youth Activities

YOUTH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Saturday, December 15.

Oneg Shabbos — Boys (8 to 12)
3:00 P.M.

Oneg Shabbos — Girls (8 to 12)
3:40 P.M.

16 year old girls 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 16.

Teen age class for "Gems" and
"Tags" 10:15.

"Gems" club (for girls over 14)
11 A.M.

Gym for "Tags" (Post Bar Mitzvah
Fraternity) 11:45

Gym for Intermediate boys (over
16) 2:30 P.M.

Game Room. 8 P.M.

Monday, December 17.

Maccabee boys (over 12) 7:30
P.M.

Stamp Club (for young and old)
7:30 P.M.

Game Room. 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 18.

Intermediate boys (over 16) 7:30
P.M.

Wednesday, December 19.

Game Room. 7:30 P.M.

Choir with Michael Hirsch 8:30 P.M.

TOYS FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN

Our growing Kindergarten can use all kinds of toys, especially, for its Doll Corner and Blocks.

Please bring them to the Talmud Torah office.

LOTKE PARTY

Sponsored by "Gems"

The W.S.I.S. "Gems" (girls over 14) will be the hosts at a Chanukah Lotke Party to be held in our Social Hall, Wednesday evening, December 26, 1951 at 7:30 o'clock. Boys and girls over 14 are cordially invited to attend.

For further information please contact the "Gems" president, Diane Hirsch, at EN. 2-3688.

GAME ROOM ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Jack Tomor, our Athletic Director, is happy to announce that for the younger set the Game Room will be open on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. Thus, our Talmud Torah pupils will have an opportunity to get special instruction in the various games which are being featured in our Game Room, and to return home at an early hour.

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Getting Personal

By Sanford Solarz

Our grateful acknowledgement to Director Samuel K. Beier for his generous contribution of prayer books to our Synagogue.

The host at our next Shabbos afternoon Seuda Shlishith will be Morris Katz in memory of his parents.

A while ago your columnist's son, Stephen, asked his Dad to give him a plug in this column. Pontifically father retorted, "No favoritism here, son. First accomplish something." So the little one, gets himself elected President of his sixth grade Grammar School class, Vice-President of the school's Student Council, and Captain of the class Basketball Team. What a guy! Can it be that only W.S.I.S. baby boys are beautiful and bounce?

Mazel Tov to our good members Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moskowitz upon the **birth** of their son, Don. Our congratulations and best wishes to Raymond Woloch and Hannah Katz upon their **betrothal**, and to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schreier upon the **marriage** of their son, Fred, to Sandra Schwartz. Fred had his "aufruf" at our Schule last Shabbos morning. Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Simon upon the **Bar Mitzvah** of their son, Martin. **Wedding Anniversary** Greetings to Director and Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Golub, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Mintz, Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Schnee; many happy returns of their **birthdays** to the following: Arthur Arsham, William Ball, Maurice Barnett, Julius Cohen, Joanne Dale Kurtz, Mrs. Irwin S. Levy, Glenice Abigail Lieberman, Morty Morris, Abraham Robinson, Patricia Ann Sagon, Samuel Schwarzman, Deborah Streim, Harry Verschleiser, Director Jess Ward.

Welcome home from Israel to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendheim.

WELCOME HOME

The young men and women of our Congregation who will be in the city during the midwinter recess from out-of-town colleges, are cordially invited to attend the Sabbath Services with their families.

If our Rabbis will be informed of their coming in advance, they will be happy to invite the young people personally and arrange some "honors" for them at the Services.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: Is a Christmas tree of religious significances?

Answer: Yes, it is. A Christmas tree is a Christian symbol.

It should be equally clear that a **Chanuka lamp** in a home is associated with the Jewish religion.

Question: How can Jewish parents make the Chanuka Festival more meaningful to their children.

Answer: The lighting of the Chanuka candles should be performed in the presence of the entire family whenever possible. Secondly, to help maintain the Chanuka spirit, special gifts should be given during Chanuka. We also suggest frequent Chanuka parties during the entire week of the Festival (Dec. 23 to Dec. 31).

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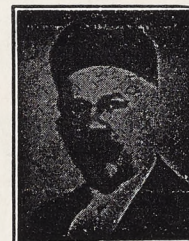
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