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

TUESDAY, JUNE 12th, 1951

At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon there was a Reception to PRIME MINISTER Ben Gurion in the Municipal ROSE GARDEN at TALBIEH. Dad had received an invitation, which included me, but since it was about one hour's walk from our house, I sent Naomi in my place. The Mayor of Jerusalem Mr. Shragai presented Dad and Naomi to Ben Gurion. Naomi said it was a most colorful sight to see the representatives of different communities, Iraqians, Persians, Yemenites and others all in their native costumes. Dad said Ben Gurion shook hands with the hundreds of people present and that he seems in excellent spirits.

In a speech which Prime Minister Ben Gurion made, when he was presented by Mr. Shragai, Mayor of Jerusalem, with a Parchment Scroll conferring Freedom of the City of Jerusalem upon him, Ben Gurion said among other things: The State of Israel has had and will have one capital only—Jerusalem the Eternal. But Jerusalem will not fulfill its role if it does not become the capital of the Torah and Wisdom for the entire Jewish nation. But, "without bread there is no wisdom" he said, quoting this proverb to emphasize the need for greater economic development and stronger military security.

The greatest interest in Israel today is the forthcoming elections for the 2nd KNESSET of the State of Israel, which will be held in July. The outcome of this election is particularly serious because there is a very strong radical party in Israel, at present, and they are becoming steadily more outspoken in their pro-Soviet tendencies. In fact they harp on the argument that the present Government of Israel is catering to the United States and to the Western Bloc. The policy of the present Government of Israel is based on a genuine desire for democracy, and for social justice and the rights of the individual, (as set forth in the Bible). That the policy of the United States

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IF YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND A HEBREW SCHOOL AS YET . . .

You should be interested to know that we shall have Three Beginners Classes, for boys and girls 8, 9 and 10 years old, as well as boys and girls 4 and 5, and 6 and 7 years of age, which will open the first week in January. A Daily Morning Nursery class for 3 and 4 year olds is also being planned, if there will be sufficient registration. Parents are urged to contact Rabbi Reichel by letter or phone, TR. 7-8281, regarding these classes.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Whitcup, who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary this Saturday. May the Almighty grant them good health and happiness for scores of years to come.

WEDDING NEWS



Joan Safir

Our heartiest congratulations to Grandma Mrs. Pauline Lowy, and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Wiener upon the forthcoming marriage of their son Lynton, to Joan Safir, daughter of Mr. Jesse Safir of Mount Vernon, and granddaughter of Mrs. Edna Picker and Mrs. Gussie Safir. Lynton's "aufruf" will take place in our Synagogue this Saturday.

We extend our very best wishes to the young people for a long life of wedded bliss.

WE ARE FORTUNATE



President Lester Udell

We congratulate the membership and Board of Directors upon the re-election of our present officers, headed by our lay-leader, Lester Udell as well as the addition of two new members, Mr. Jean Goldwurm and Mr. Frank L. Taks.

Our officers are:

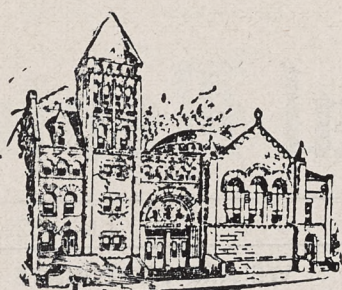
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We wish them health and happiness in their exemplary work in the Congregation.

MIDTOWN JEWISH COLLEGIATE COUNCIL NEWS

Young men and young women of college age are urged to participate in the Council's activities, which are sponsored jointly by the collegiates of Congregations Ohab Zedek, Jewish Center, and the W.S.I.S. Their biweekly Newsletter is available upon request at the office of our Social Department.

At the Friday evening Forum, January 4, to be held at the Jewish Center, Dr. H. L. Gordon, a prominent psychiatrist, will be the guest speaker.



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Government is similar to this, is a coincidence. It is not responsible even in the slightest degree for the Israel Government's policy both foreign and local.

Preparation for the Knesset election is a very difficult task here, at present. A large percentage of the population (the new immigrants) will be going to the polls for the first time in their lives. This means much education and indoctrination. Promises of jobs, food and clothing on the part of the powerful labor party will doubtless prove a potent factor, in the voting. Registration for voting, and distribution of identity cards, for election day, is another problem. The immigrant population is housed in rapidly expanding towns and districts which have as yet no street names and addresses. We have to hope that everything will work alright, in time.

Please Note!

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



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463rd OF THE BIBLICAL
COMMANDMENTS"Laws Concerning Inquiry and
Diligent Searching"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

When it comes to taking testimony we must make a thorough search to know the case from its roots for its complete truth. Thus, we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13, verse 15, "Thou shalt inquire and make search and ask diligently." To declare one guilty is practically to shed blood, therefore the Torah commands us to be most thorough in our investigation before we come to a judgment. From the repeated synonyms for investigations, חקירה בדיקה דרישה the Rabbis derived a complete system of court procedure and a carefully worked out method for dealing with witnesses. In testimony there are three general principles, as indicated by our commandment. (1) חקירה (2) דרישה (3) בדיקה which represents the fundamental aspects of cross-examination or testimony. (A) חקירה is cross-examination referring to

date, time and place. In capital punishment cases, they examined by means of 7 questions: (1) What cycle in the Jubilee (2) What year in the cycle (3) What month in the year (4) What date of the month (5) What day in the week (6) What hour in the day (7) What place. (B) בדיקה is cross-examination concerning the crime, if it were idolatry what idol was worshipped, and what was the nature of the worship, if it were Sabbath desecration, what work was performed, and how did the violator perform the work, if it were concerning the Day of Atonement, what food was eaten, and how much was eaten, etc.? (C) בדיקה which refers to "the particular aspect" as for instance, what was the color of the clothes the man wore. Our sages say, that he who increases in detail cross-examination is praiseworthy.

This law is carried out only when the Sanhedrin functions in Israel. One who fails to thoroughly examine the witnesses breaks this positive commandment, because he may be the cause of shedding blood in matters of capital punishment. One who examines the witnesses most thoroughly and therefore decides the case most comprehensively, his merit is great. Our sages describe such a one as if he were a partner to the Holy One, Blessed be He, for, in performing and helping the ways of justice, one establishes the world more firmly and causes its inhabitants to be happy.

KOSHER CANNED FOODS
FOR ISRAEL

By Arthur Murray Aibinder

Our observant brothers and sisters in Israel are not planning this seventh year. With other food problems the daily supply is quite low.

Regardless of the lack of bodily feeding, our people remain devoted both at heart and in spirit. Our Shul is proud to launch a campaign for the collection of canned KOSHER foods. We are calling upon you to donate what you can as often as you are able.

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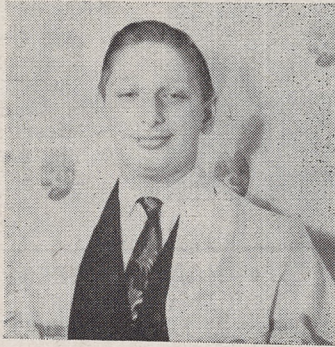
A very interesting booklet has just arrived from England on the "Care of Children on the Sabbath," by Rabbi S. Wagschel. In compact form it describes the laws of Sabbath relating to the preparation of food, nursing a sick person and other practical problems. The booklet is available at the Israel Bookstore in our neighborhood. We recommend it highly.

O.A.R.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, William Wilence.

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Benedict Silberman upon the loss of his sister Vera Borrok.

BAR MITZVAH**Douglas Weill**

Congratulations to our Director and Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein, the grandparents, and to Mrs. Natalie Weill, upon the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Douglas, which will take place in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.



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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening4:16

Weekly Portion: M'kaytz

Genesis 41:1-44:17 Numbers 28:9-15

Numbers 7:42-47.

Zachariah 2:14-4:7.

Friday Evening Service4:25

Saturday Morning Services8:45

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten

for Children 4 to 610:30

Rabbi Reichel's Rambam (Maimonides) Class2:45

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:45

Mincha Service3:45

Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter

Reader of Service: Jack Verschleiser

The Sabbath Terminates5:04

Daily Service:

Mornings Sunday6:45, 7:50, 8:20

Monday6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:20

Tuesday through Friday

6:45, 7:28, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha4:30

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

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Youth Activities**Saturday, December 29.**

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

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

Game Room8 to 10 P.M.

Sunday, December 30.

Macabees

(12 year old boys) Gym1:00 P.M.

Tags (Boys over 13) Gym11:45 A.M.

Intermediates (Boys over 16) Gym 2:00 P.M.

Monday, December 31.

Macabees (12 years old boys)7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, January 2.

Game Room7:30 P.M.

Cub Pack No. 5307:30 P.M.

Scout Troop No. 5307:30 P.M.

Choral Group8:30 P.M.

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Getting Personal

By Sanford Solarz

We are happy to have as our guest at our last Shabbos morning services Messrs. Jacob Lauer, Harold Levy and Dr. Samuel Greenberg. Also our many young collegiate friends who are back in town from their respective colleges for their midwinter holidays . . . A W.S.I.S. to Israel shuttle continues to operate on schedule — welcome back to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Krumbein from their recent visit to the Holy Land . . . While the Commentaries on the Bible by our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein have always been on our list of "must" readings, we are both happy and proud to learn that they are now on the suggested list of readings issued by the Union of American Hebrew Reform Congregations . . . Conspicuous honor has been conferred upon our member, Murry C. Becker, upon the dedication of a room in his name by the New York University Law School . . . We welcome with wide open arms to our congregational fold our new members, Sol Cohen, Samuel Iger and Benjamin Stone. Needless to say it is our hope that they will at all times take an active part in all the affairs of the congregation . . . Our best wishes for everything that is good to Renee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Goldfeld who was recently joined in holy wedlock to Mr. Louis A. Reens at the nuptial altar of our synagogue . . . The speaker at our next Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishith will be Jack Verschleiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Verschleiser, who is in town on his midwinter vacation from Harvard Law School . . . Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond, Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lieberman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisel . . . And many happy returns on their birthdays to Mrs. Kurt Benjamin, Dr. Gerald Blankfort, Mrs. Elias Bloomgarten, Jacob Golden, Mrs. Samuel Greenman, George Jablow, Abraham Charles Kalker, Morton Leonard Landowne, Robert Linker, Naomi Ross, Patricia Ann Shenker, Mrs. Henry Sobel, Mrs. Samuel B. Tesler and Mrs. Jess Ward.

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