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

JERUSALEM, TUES. JUNE 19, 1951

I went with an active social worker, in Jerusalem, to see, at close range, one of the MABAROT — a Work Village by the name of HARTUV. This settlement is just 10½ months old. It has 70 families, each family having a small prefabricated house for itself. There is a special building for a school and children's dining room, for a kindergarten, for a grocery and general store and for a sort of dispensary where they come for medical advice, for medicinal help and for milk for their babies. There is a village mother, a village teacher, a village cook, a village supervisor and a village storekeeper. A social worker is sent by the government once or twice a week to investigate the sanitary and health conditions of the settlement.

The men go out to work on government projects and are paid approximately \$5.00 a day. The women take care of their homes and their children. When they first came to Israel, they had to be taught how to cook, to clean and even to wash clothes. These North Africans formerly lived a very primitive and unsanitary life. Now they have learnt how to keep their children and their homes nice and clean. An indication of how primitive they are is the fact that every woman is able to deliver her own baby. They are accustomed to living in communities where you cannot call a doctor and there is no hospital to go to. As a matter of fact, I was told that they do not want to go to a hospital to have their babies, as they are bashful before men doctors. The Village Mother told me she developed a scheme for bribing expectant mothers to consent to go to a hospital. She promises them a large supply of food upon their return. It has worked in several cases.

The Village Mother, has the difficult task of making them use common sense. I will tell you just one of the many interesting stories she told me. There were 2 brothers, one had no children the other had five. When the wife of the childless one went out to work and made some

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

A regular meeting of the Men's Club will take place this Monday, January 7th, at 8:30 P.M. All members are invited to be present and participate in the arrangements of our next big event.

Refreshments will be served.

AN URGENT NEED !! WARM CLOTHING FOR ISRAEL !!

Thousands of children and adults will have to spend the winter in the unheated canvas tents of the Mabarot, the work villages in Israel.

If you have any warm clothing which you no longer need, won't you please bring it, as soon as possible, to the office of our Synagogue, 122 West 76th St. Mark it "For Israel," and it will be sent along with our next shipment to Israel.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS BY OUR WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Our Clothing for Israel Committee headed by Mrs. Eddie Schreiber and Mrs. Jennie Yabrow need some help in sorting and packing. Phone TR 7-8281 for further information.

OF INTEREST TO YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

The W.S.I.S. League composed of young married couples of our community will hold its next social evening, Sunday night January 20, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Social Hall. Encircle that date on your calendar now.

money, the father of the 5 children demanded that his wife should go out and earn some money too. Who should take care of the 5 children did not interest him.

There is to be a wedding in the community tomorrow. The bride is to wear a pretty white dress, which came in one of the boxes of clothes sent by the Women's League of the W.S.I.S. from America. What a small world.

MRS. LOUIS SHLANSKY TO BE HOSTESS

On Monday afternoon, January 7th, 1952 at 12:30 o'clock sharp, Mrs. Louis Shlansky will be hostess to the entire Executive Board of our Women's League at a Dessert Luncheon which will be held at her home.

An important meeting of the Board will follow the Luncheon and all the members of the Board are urged to come promptly.

NEW CLASSES TO OPEN IN OUR TALMUD TORAH THIS SUNDAY

Boys and girls, 6-7 and 8-9-10 who do not attend any Hebrew School as yet, may join one of our 2 new classes which will be open this Sunday morning.

In addition, 4 and 5 year olds may join our Sunday Morning or Daily Afternoon Kindergarten.

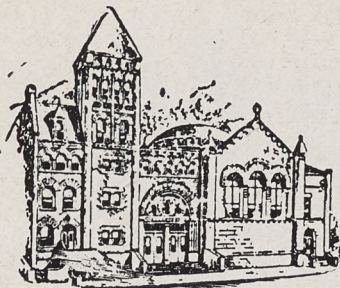
A daily Morning Nursery for 3 year olds will also be opened this month, if there will be a sufficient number of applicants.

Tickets for a free Movie and Enrollment Rally for your youngsters to be held Sunday afternoon, January 13, at the Jewish Center Auditorium, as well as detailed information regarding our School, may be had by calling Rabbi Reichel, at TR 7-8281.

DR. H. L. GORDON, PSYCHIATRIST TO ADDRESS COLLEGIATE FORUM

This Friday, January 4, at 8:30 o'clock, Dr. Hersh L. Gordon will address the Forum of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council, at the Jewish Center Auditorium, 131 West 86 Street. His topic will be, "The Psychology of Freud and Jung in the Light of Judaism."

Dr. Gordon, Psychiatric Consultant at the Metropolitan Hospital of N.Y.C., was formerly commander of the U.S. Public Health Service in charge of Nuro-Psychosis, and a U.S. Army major. He is the author of the recently published book, "The Maggid of Caro", — a psychological biography of the author of Shulchan Aruch.



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LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS
IN SERVICE

"... Just a few words to express my appreciation for the weekly issue of the W.S.I.S. review that you have been sending to me. It's a great feeling to read the events of the Synagogue, I'm so proud of, and still be 10,000 miles away.

With the help of G-d and Uncle Sam, I will be attending your services in a matter of a few weeks.

Sincerely yours,
 David Hecht."

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Dear Rabbi Reichel,

"Today is the first chance I have to answer your letter of Dec. 6, 1951. I thank you very much for the package and am happy to say that I got permission from my instructor here to light the Menorah every night.

I would like to wish you and your family a belated "Happy Chanukah." I should arrive in New York on my furlough in about 10 days, and will definitely stop in at the Synagogue.

Thank you for the **Review** which I have been receiving regularly and reading with great interest.

Sincerely,
 SAM FLAKS"



"AS
 R'CHASH
 SEES
 IT"

464th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL
COMMANDMENTS"To Burn The City That Is
Gone Astray"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

If the inhabitants have gone after the stubbornness of their hearts to enlist in idol worship, then we are to burn the city and everything therein, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13, verse 17, "And thou shalt burn with fire the city and all the spoil thereof entirely unto the L-rd thy G-d.

This provision is to prevent cupidity from influencing the minds of those who are to sit in judgment upon this city. History records many instances wherein the prospect of getting wealth incited the investigation of heretical charges against rich and defenseless suspects. A certain order of accursed memory played the role of the cons of Belial, preferring charges against innocent Naboths, and blaspheming them, in order to seize their vineyards and properties. In order to safeguard against such corruption, the Bible commands that no material benefit

WE THOUGHT OUR READERS
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
THIS REPLY

Dear Rabbi Reichel:

We did make some errors in our October 15 cover story on Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, although they were not noted in the letters on it which appeared in the November 19 column.

Although the cover story was checked as carefully as is all the other material that appears in TIME, we somehow erred in saying that Orthodox Jews are required to be indoors on the Sabbath and that Sabbath candles must burn twenty-four hours. We are glad to have the opportunity to apologize for them to you.

It is true that sermons and special prayers are offered in the English language in some Orthodox Jewish synagogues. We realized this when we reported on your services. Our aim was to condense as much as

may be derived from these proceedings.

I also quote from Guttman: "The punishment of idolators must not be made a profitable occupation. This prohibition was disregarded by the medieval Church.

Both secular princes and Inquisition confiscated the possession of heretics. Persecution became more frequent because of the plunder that accompanied it."

The purpose of this commandment apparently is that such vile and wicked people are worthy of having their name blotted out from this world. There should be no vestige left of them. No form of destruction is more complete than fire. Therefore, our commandment bids us to destroy the city by fire. The laws of this commandment are obligatory upon the community even more than upon the Sanhedrin, namely, to see to it that this commandment is observed. As for instance, if one community knows about idolatry being practiced in another, it is incumbent upon it to advise the Sanhedrin about it. The Sanhedrin of 71 (and not the Sanhedrin of 23) is the only qualified body to judge such a case.

Those who break this commandment by concealing the existence of idolatry without having it eradicated, visited upon themselves a great punishment. This malady can spread into other communities.

Of course, this commandment refers only to the time when the Sanhedrin rules Israel in Israel.

possible about the three different groups in the summaries we did on Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Judaism.

We sincerely hope that our cover story may in no way alienate any of our younger co-religionists from the Jewish Orthodox fold. That was not our intention... We appreciate your interest in writing to discuss your objections to the article with us.

Cordially yours,
 Mary Lynn Carter
 For the Editors

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our members David, Emanuel, and Samuel Gluck, upon the loss of their father, William Gluck; to the family of our late member, Abraham N. Klein; to our Women's League Executive Board member, Mrs. Sol Redlich, upon the loss of her father, Sender Frankel.

of the West Side

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our Director and Mrs. Benjamin Glazer, the proud parents of Raschi, certainly gave a most surprising, thrilling and never to be forgotten Chanukah party for the children of their family in our Social Hall.

This affair should be an incentive to all parents to plan the celebration of Jewish Holidays.

We congratulate our Director Jean Goldwurm upon the acquisition of the Little Carnegie Theatre. The theatre has just been reopened (after an extensive alteration job) with the presentation of the remarkable Japanese film, "Rasho-Mon" Many thanks to Arthur and Elaine Aibinder for their contribution of books to the library of our Talmud Torah School . . . Our last Shabbos morning services were distinguished by the presence of that world-renowned scholar Professor Abraham Frankel of the Hebrew University, as well as his wife and daughter Rachel. It made us happy to see at the Services Director and Mrs. Harry Appel, Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg and their son Stephen The travels of our internationally minded members would cause us much concern if they did not always return to our fold, so it is that we welcome back home from Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Liebergal, and from Europe Mr. Israel Kestenbaum. The last named, a brilliant lay-scholar and speaker, will be the guest speaker at our regular Seuda Shilshith tomorrow afternoon. The prospective membership list of the W.S.I.S. grows and grows "umbeschrien": Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Levmore and Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Jesselson, upon the births of sons Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Mosbacher upon the marriage of their son Felix to Miss Adriene Goldstein . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gottlieb, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Landowne, and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silver Many happy returns on their **birthdays** to Director Joseph Anderson, Morris Bank, Isador Baschowitz, Jack Bendheim, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Director Herman H. Cohen, Mrs. Samuel Diamond, Director Abraham M. Druckman, Carol Anne Etra, Richard Grossman, and Maurice Spanbock, with the spotlight focused upon Levi Hershfield, who is 95 years young and a "regular" attendant at our Sabbath Morning Services.

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