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TO BE PRESENTED TUESDAY, JUNE 17th

TO OUR DIRECTOR BENJAMIN GLAZER

**LAG B'OMER (33rd DAY IN OMER)
THIS TUESDAY**

Lag B'Omer is a semi-festival which occurs during the period between Pesach and Shevuos and falls on the 18th day of the Hebrew month of "Iyar."

Lag B'Omer means the thirty-third day in the Omer. "Lag" consists of the two Hebrew letters.

The last bid for Independence on Palestinian soil was in the year 132 C.E. A revolution against Rome was led by Bar Kochba—literally, "Son of a Star" — a Herculean man of great power and strength who devoted himself to the liberation of the Land of Israel. The revolt which he started during Hadrian's reign lasted three years (132-135 C.E.). Rome had to bring Julius Severus from Britain to oppose the handful of Judeans. He rallied the Jewish forces but was ultimately crushed, falling in battle on the ninth day of AB, a sad date in Jewish history.

During this revolution, Rabbi Akiba, an outstanding scholar of his day, joined forces with Bar Kochba. Rabbi Akiba's pupils also rallied to Bar Kochba's assistance. But their support was considerably weakened because of a terrible plague which raged among them. In commemoration of these unfortunate events which by a strange coincidence, occurred during the days of "Sefira," we observe a period of solemnity during the interval between Pesach and Shevuos, and abstain from joyous occasions, like weddings, parties, concerts, etc.

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All our readers and friends of the Synagogue are reminded that there are only a few weeks left in which to insert ads in the 1952 Souvenir Album which is to be presented to our Director Benjamin Glazer, at a reception, in his honor, on Tuesday June 17.

The album is one of the media of raising the necessary funds to meet our Synagogue budget. We are sure that no one will fail to do his utmost for this vital project. We expect everyone to insert his own ad and obtain ads from others so that our institution may have the financial means with which to carry on its manifold activities.

Please do not delay. May we count on your full cooperation?

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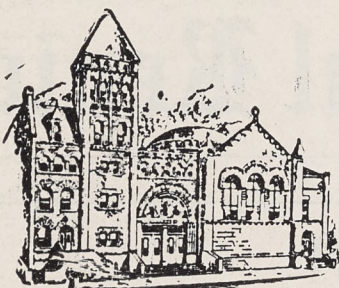
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493rd OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not to set up a pillar in any place"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 16, Verse 22, "Neither shalt thou set up a pillar which the L-rd thy G-d hateth". This last expression indicates that there must have been a difference between the Heathen Pillars and the Pillars mentioned in Genesis, Chapter 28, verse 18, and Chapter 35, verse 14, (see Ibin Ezra)". Maimonides explains that this Pillar was a high structure composed of stones or earth at which the idolators would assemble for their worship. We are not to have any form of strange worship in or out of the Temple. This prohibition prevails at all places and at all times and refers to male and female alike.

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494th COMMANDMENT

"Not to offer as a sacrifice an animal that has a blemish"

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 17, verse 1, "Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the L-rd thy G-d, whereon there is a blemish", even a transient one. There are two kinds of blemishes, one a transient and the other a permanent one. If the animal had a per-

manent one, as for instance a broken leg, then we are commanded to redeem it. If it had a transient one, we waited until it was cured. This prohibition referred to all Israelites as well as priests, since all the people were permitted to slaughter the sacrificial offering. Thus, one who slaughtered an offering with a transient blemish, violated our commandment.

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495th COMMANDMENT

"To hearken to the voice of the great Sanhedrin"

We are bidden to hearken to the High Court and to do whatever it commands us in the ways of the Torah. In other words, the Sanhedrin was bound in regard to individual freedom. For instance, if one wanted to build a house of three stories, the Sanhedrin could not say, build it, either of two or four stories. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 17, verse 10 "Thou shalt do according to tenor of sentence, which they shall declare unto thee, and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they should inform thee". Kindly note the repetition of the verb, "to do". This is repeated twice in our verse to indicate how important it is to obey and practice the Law. The Torah is not to be divided into many Torahs, (Orthodox, Conservative and Reform). So, today, also, we are to be under the authority of the גדולי התורה "the great men of the Torah", — their decisions are binding upon us. One who trespasses this commandment is punished greatly for this is the pillar of the faith. It represents discipline and authority.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Special assemblies were conducted in honor of Israeli Independence Day last week.

Copies of the last edition of our school paper, **Ha-iton**, prepared by our pupils, are available upon request. Parents of prospective pupils are cordially invited to write our Talmud Torah office for copies.

On May 14, our pupils will be the guests of the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds.

ISRAELI BONDS

A side note of interest . . . On May 1, interest was paid on State of Israel Bond Coupons.

Let us continue to support and keep the State of Israel in business. Bonds may be ordered through our office.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of the monument of the late Sarah Roth, devoted wife of our Director Gustave Roth and beloved mother of our member, Mr. Chester Roth, will be held this Sunday, May 11, at 11:00 a.m. at Machpelah Cemetery.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Mens Club Vice-President, Abraham Eisenman, upon the passing of his mother, **Lena Eisenman**.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, **Sigmund Schnee**.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Samuel Pincus upon the loss of her father, **Dr. William Levy**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS OF OUR HEBREW SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ball will be the hosts at the closing meeting of the season of the P.T.A., at their home, 365 West End Avenue, on Tuesday night, May 21 at 8:30 o'clock. All parents are urged to reserve this night.

COLLEGIATES NOTES

The Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council will listen to Rabbi David de Sola Pool of the Spanish-Portuguese Congregation, this Saturday afternoon, May 10, at 4:30 p.m., at his study, 99 Central Park West. His topic will be "Jewish Roots in America". All College people invited.



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Leviticus 21:1-24:23, Ezekiel 44:15-31.

Friday Evening Service6:30
Saturday Morning Service9:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children
4 to 610:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:15; 4:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class6:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class6:15
Mincha Service7:15

Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward
Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath Terminates8:28

Lag B'Omer — Tuesday

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Mornings6:45, 7:20 Except Sunday
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Mincha6:25 and 7:55

This Week's Bible Readings

Proverbs 29 — Job 4

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You know our Synagogue is helping the United Jewish Appeal. At the dinner given in honor of our President, Lester Udell, we raised \$100,000, but that is not enough. Our Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein made a stirring address that thrilled the audience.

If you were unable to be present, will you please either mail in your check or write us what you wish to pledge for 1952.

Nobody should give if they cannot afford to give. But if you can give, the United Jewish Appeal should receive from you not only good wishes for what they are doing, but more important, they should get your contribution. Your

contribution will help towards the well being of Jewry in Israel.

If all of our members and friends would give what they can afford to give, there would not be a problem.

So, when you read this, please say to yourself, "I will not delay. I will do what I should do. I will help the Jews in Israel not by words but by a check."

Please make your check or pledge payable to the United Jewish Appeal. Will you take care of this now and mail same c/o the Synagogue, 122 West 76th Street, Thanks.

JACOB KAPLAN,
Chairman

Getting Personal

By Sanford Solarz.

Spring is in the air, and we are happy to find after exhaustive research into Talmudic law that there is no inconsistency or violation of precept, for an observing Jew, to count the days to the coming summer vacation, while at the same time counting the Omer to the coming Shavuoth Holidays . . . Florida continues to send forth its returning W.S.I.S. vacationers and we are glad to have back with us again Director Moses J. Berlin and our worthy member Isador Lauer . . . Heartiest welcome into our Congregational Family to the following new members: Arthur H. Bienenstock, Jerry Horowitz, Evan M. Frankel, Nathan Heilbronner, A. Solomon, and F. T. Shoppoff. It is our hope that even though they may be newcomers that they will always feel as much at home with us as our old timers . . . It was good to see at our last Shabbos morning services Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz and Simeon H. F. Goldstein . . . The girls, who have been running behind in our Baby Derby for some time, have finally come forward with a new entrant: Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer upon the birth of a daughter . . . Our sincerest best wishes on reaching another **anniversary** of their marital days to Director and Mrs. Sol Bellsey, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Konstant . . . Happy **birthday** and many happy returns of the day to Harry Ackerman, Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Roger Gary Ballin, Mrs. Pauline Barnett, Mrs. Estelle Baskowitz, Ira Bellsey, Mrs. Saul Bergman, Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein, Mrs. Frances Cohen, Edward Diamond, Abraham Eisenman, Roger Fox, Susan Jane Goldsmith, and Mrs. Harry Verschleiser.

Once again all our worshippers who attended services last Saturday had the spiritual treat of seeing the young men of our congregation lead in the entire services. We can only say that this inspiring event is something that we look forward to attending for years to come. Congrats to Rabbi Reichel, for this as well as for the inspiring Young Ladies Assembly under the auspices of the Bessie Wartells Memorial Fund of the Women's League. An item of interest from the National Jewish Post — "Prince Charles, heir of the throne of England, was circumcised by a British mohel", and not a physician.

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