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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE W.S.I.S.

October 19, 1952

On Shemini Atzereth, Rabbi Goldstein and I made an appeal for Homes for Children in Israel. We have helped to establish in the Holy Land through the Homes for Children in Israel, ten institutions for children. They are the following:

(1) The W.S.I.S. Children's Village near Rishon L'Zion, (2) Children's Village in Nativa, (3) Baby's Home in Pardesia, (Maabarah — Work Village), (4) Kindergarten — and a training school for kindergarten teachers — in Jaffa, (5) Sephardic Orphan Asylum in Jerusalem (1952), (6) W.S.I.S. Children's Day Nursery in Katamon, Jerusalem, (7) W.S.I.S. Children's Homes in Bnai Brak (1951-1952), (8) Children's Home in Petach Tikvah, (9) Children's Trade School in Petach Tikvah, (10) W.S.I.S. Baby Home in Rosh Hayin (Maabarah), 1952.

I am happy to tell you that the congregation responded most liberally to our Shemini Atzeres appeal and I trust that all who were absent will be delighted to join those who made possible the continuation of this sorely needed religious humanitarian work.

Will you please be good enough to let us have your contribution.

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes for the coming year, I am,

Sincerely yours,
LESTER UDELL
President

P.S. Please make out your check to Homes for Children in Israel and mail same to us at 120-138 West 76th Street.

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LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE SESSIONS TO BEGIN THIS MONDAY

LECTURES AND HEBREW CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

In these historic days every Jew and Jewess must feel the necessity of becoming properly acquainted with our checkered History and with the Hebrew language. The Laymen's Institute offers our congregants an opportunity to do so under the guidance of most competent instructors and noted experts and lecturers.

Beginning this Monday night, four courses in Hebrew Conversation will be offered, each on a different level of instruction.

In addition, on Tuesday nights, a number of experts in the field of Jewish and Semitic learning will lecture in their respective fields. All these men are noted for their work and studies in their respective fields and we are sure that they will have a timely, and informative message for their hearers.

The opening lecturer will be Dr. Philip Biberfeld, author of **Universal Jewish History**, who will speak this Tuesday on "The Biblical Record of Creation." Other lecturers include Samuel K. Mirsky, Professor of Rabbinics, Joshua Finkel, Professor of Semitic languages and Hyman Greenstein, Professor of American Jewish History.

All our readers are urged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity. Those who have attended the Laymen's Institute sessions in the past can attest to the informative, yet informal, way in which they are conducted.

There will be a nominal registration fee of \$3 for the entire season.

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

All lectures are scheduled to begin Tuesday nights at 8 P.M. in the Daily Synagogue.

October 28:

"The Biblical Record of Creation"

Lecturer — DR. PHILIP BIBERFELD

November 11:

"The Pentateuch and the Hammurabi Code"

Lecturer — DR. PHILIP BIBERFELD

November 18:

"The Bible — Logical or Chronological?"

Lecturer — PROF. SAMUEL K. MIRSKY

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Dr. Philip Biberfeld

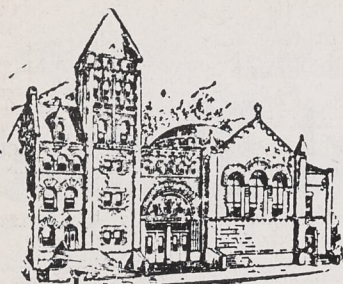
OUR DAILY KINDERGARTEN HAS WAITING LIST

Limited Number of Openings in
Our Daily Morning Nursery

We are delighted to announce that there is a waiting list of children for our Kindergarten. However there are still a few openings for our Daily Morning Nursery School for boys and girls from 3 to 4 years of age. The group meets from 9:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. For further information please call Rabbi Reichel

ner, David H. Gluck, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Jean Goldwurm, Hyman Gordon, Joseph D. Greenberg, Carl Grossberg, Charles M. Gutwirth, Rebecca Hackena, B. Halpern, Max Harris, Charles Hartenstein, Isaak Hazelkorn, H. William Hirsh, Leopold Hirsch, Willy Hoenig, Clarence Horwitz, Max M. Horwitz, Dr. G. I. Hunter, Samuel Isler, Morton Jacobowitz, Etta Jaffin, Howard Kaplan, Jacob Kaplan, Sophia Karpf, Morris Katz, Alexander Kirsh, Irving Kobrin, Abraham Kromfeld, Ida Kulka, Joseph Kurzman, C. Landes, Max Lazarus, Mrs. M. Lehman, Joseph Leff, J. Lillian, Julius Lipman, Frances H. Marcus, M. Marcus, Samuel Mechanic, M. Mehlman, Adolph Meirowitz

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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

JERUSALEM

Wednesday, May 21, 1952

We passed the PETACH TIKVAH MABARAH, which houses 12,000 people, mostly in tents. This is the place which suffered so much from the floods of last winter, when it rained without stopping for 6 days and 6 nights. The water was up to the necks of the adults and the children floated on the surface, as if they were in a swimming pool. Tents, houses and all belongings were washed away. The Army stepped in, picked up the victims and found temporary quarters for them till the rains stopped and the water abated.

As we drove past the Airdrome at Lydda, it appeared to me that it was every bit as imposing looking as the one at Idlewild.

The roads here are simply marvellous and this year there have been added the most wonderful signs, indicating where a road leads to, in all directions, (especially at intersections, of which there are many) also giving the number of miles (or kilometers, as they say here) to each place, just like in America.



"AS
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 SEES
 IT"

515th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not To Inquire Of The Dead"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

There are some people who fast and sleep over night at the cemetery in order that the dead may come to them in a dream and make known to them what they have asked of them. Others clothe themselves with special type of clothing and utter some formula, and offer incense, and sleep alone so that the dead can come to them should they so desire, and tell them in a dream what they want to know. Concerning all these practices of necromancy, we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 18, verse 10 and 11, "There shall not be found among you . . . any one that inquireth of the dead."

This prohibition prevails at all times and at all places and refers to male and female alike. Anyone who trespasses it and does any act, in order to inquire of the dead, is to receive stripes.

JERUSALEM
Sunday, May 25th, 1952

When we first walked into the apartment in Jerusalem, on Tuesday, I noticed, in Naomi's room, two real old-fashioned kerosene lamps, the kind that we used in the country, about 45 years ago, before there was any gas or electricity up there. They looked very quaint and I thought they were just ornamental. However, tonight I discovered what they were for. As I was sitting and writing, a little while ago, the electric lights all through the apartment suddenly went out. Luckily, Yonah (who comes up from her apartment in the basement for a few hours

516th COMMANDMENT
"To Harken To The Voice Of Every Prophet"

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 18, verse 15, "A prophet will the L-rd thy G-d raise up unto thee, from the midst of thee, of thy brethren; unto him ye shall hearken". The Siffri makes the following comment, upon the words, "Unto him shall ye hearken", "even if he should say unto ye, to trespass any one of the commandments for the moment, hearken unto him."

This law prevails at all times and refers to male and female. One who trespasses it and does not hearken unto the prophet receives death from heaven. The word "to hear" can also be read as "caused to be heard", meaning that the prophet, who should cause his prophecy to be spoken and restrains himself from doing so, receives punishment from heaven. We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 18, verse 10, "And it shall come to pass whosoever will not hearken unto My words which he shall speak in My name, I will require it of him." The word "whosoever" also includes even the prophet himself. Thus Jonah, for suppressing the message given him about Ninevah, (See Book of Jonah) and the friends of Miccaiah, and Iddo, the Prophet, all of whom acted contrary to Divine orders entrusted to them, received their punishment (See the First Book of Kings, Chapter 20, verses 35-36, and Chapter 13, verses 20-26).

a day, to help me out) was still in the kitchen. Dad was at a meeting and Naomi had a seminar, to-night, at the University. Very soon Yonah appeared with a lighted candle, in her hand, and assured me that, in a very few minutes she would have the kerosene lamp ready for me so that I should have a light for an hour till the electricity would be turned on again. She explained (and all in Hebrew, if you please) that due to the shortage in electric power, and in order to conserve as much of it as possible, in Jerusalem, the electricity is shut off, for one hour at night and for four hours, during the day, every so often.

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BAR MITZVAHS



David Wartels Joseph L. Moses

Congratulations to our First Vice-President, Aaron Wartels, upon the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson, David Wartels, and to the mother, Mrs. Arthur Ufland; as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moses upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joseph Leon, which will be held in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull

W.S.I.S. Youth Director

I'd like to introduce a friend to you. He's Mr. Chaim Efron, and he is teaching Arts and Crafts on Wednesdays, youngsters from 7:30 on, and adults from 8:30 on. He'll be glad to meet you and I know you'll enjoy meeting him.

Mrs. Fleishman told me that there is room for several girls in the brownie club. This club is for girls from 8 to 9 years of age, and it meets on Wednesdays at 3:30. Those who are interested should call Mrs. Fleishman at EN 2-2519.

The Gems (15-16 year old girls' group) have had two meetings already and have hatched big plans for the coming year. Their advisor, Selma Reichert, is being "sworn by" and not "sworn at" by all the Gems. It's a wonderful group with a wonderful leader.

Flash!! We're starting a "Bar Mitzvah" club for "davinen" and Breakfast Sunday, November 2 at 9:10 A.M. To be eligible you must be over Bar Mitzvah age. This is **strictly** a service for youth. Mrs. Harold Kaplan has agreed to help the committee in the purchasing department. The committee of helpful Gems consists of Sara Bloch, Annette Friedman, Rozie Klein, and Yonina Yavneh. Thanks, girls.

Our Gym program will start on Sunday, October 26th at 11:30 with members of the Maccabees participating. Other clubs will be scheduled at different dates. Only Maccabees with their "Center Cards" will

Laymen's Institute

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November 25:

"The Bible and its Exegesis"

Lecturer — PROF. SAMUEL K. MIRSKY

December 2:

"The Bible — Its Editions and Translations"

Lecturer — PROF. SAMUEL K. MIRSKY

December 16:

"Pre-Islamic Arabia and the Koran"

Lecturer — PROF. JOSHUA FINKEL

December 23:

"Mohammedan Law and Tradition"

Lecturer — PROF. JOSHUA FINKEL

December 30:

"The Jewish Influence on the Arabic Civilization" (How this potent historical fact may be utilized to improve relations between Jews and Arabs today)

Lecturer — PROF. JOSHUA FINKEL

January 6, 1953:

"Jews in Early New York"

Lecturer — PROF. HYMAN GRINSTEIN

SCHEDULE OF HEBREW CLASSES

A. Beginners Hebrew

For men and women who do not read the Hebrew language. Tuesdays at 7:30. Instructor: MISS RUTH SHAPIRO

B. Elementary Hebrew 1

For men and women who have some knowledge of the Hebrew language, Mondays 7:30.

Instructor: MRS. DAVID B. LIFF

C. Elementary Hebrew 2

For women only who have some knowledge of the Hebrew language and are interested in becoming better acquainted with the Prayer Book. Tuesday mornings at 10:30

Instructor: MRS. O. ASHER REICHEL

D. Advanced Hebrew

For men and women who speak and read the language on Tuesday evening at 7:30. (This class will be available if there is a sufficient number of registrants.)

Instructor: To Be Announced.

For further information regarding our courses in the Laymen's Institute, please contact our Registrar, Rabbi Reichel.

be allowed on the courts.

We are starting a co-ed club for the Senior High School — Freshman College level, to meet on Friday night, Oct. 24th at the Synagogue at 8:15 o'clock. The program will be varied and interesting, with Israeli dancing and singing and discussion in a very social atmosphere.

A group of 16-19 year old boys met for the first time on October 22. They were very enthusiastic about their plans for the year.

Remember that you must register to participate in any of our activities. Fees are 25c for those up to 15 years old and 40c for those older.

Please watch the bulletin board in the Synagogue foyer — there will be many important notices there.

See you in the Synagogue . . .

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:44
Weekly Portion: Noah
Genesis 6:9-11:32 Isaiah 54:1-55:5
Isaiah 54:1-55:5
Friday Evening Service 4:55
Saturday Morning Service 8:45
Junior Congregation 10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6 10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:45
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class 3:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:30
Mincha Service 4:30
Reader of Torah: Joseph Weisenfeld
Reader of Service: Jason Jacobowitz
Followed by Seudah Shlishith
The Sabbath Terminates 5:32
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 4:55
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

OUR NEW DAILY MINYAN
AT 7:20

Beginning with this Monday morning, please G-d, we shall add another minyan at 7:20 to our daily morning services. This is in addition to the other three services which begin at 6:45, 8:00 and 8:30. We look forward to seeing as many worshippers as possible at one of these four morning services.

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Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

We were signally honored by the attendance at our last Shabbos morning Services of Sir Maurice Bloch from Scotland, and Mr. and Mrs. Erik Hertz from Copenhagen, Denmark. Since our Synagogue seems to be a focal point for the departure of so many of our members and friends to far distant points, and a religious haven for so many of our co-religionists from different parts of the world, we might be justified in renaming ourselves World Wide Institutional Synagogue . . . Our last weekly Seuda Shlishis was truly a gala affair and stimulating to the palates, minds and hearts of the exceptionally large number of members and friends who attended. The hosts were our Chasan Torah William Ball, Chasan Breshis Abe Goldman, Chasan Maftir President Lester Udell. Our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was his usual masterful self as toastmaster, and our Rabbi O. Asher Reichel delivered a particularly illuminating and inspiring talk. Other speakers of distinction were Rabbi Pekier, our First Vice-President Aaron "Pop" Wartels, Second Vice-President Samuel Siegel, Executive Director Morris Jablow, Director Ben Glazer, Mrs. Harry Ward President of the Women's League, H. William Hirsch President of the Men's Club, and Lawrence Kobrin. Mr. Ball, father of William Ball, took a bow, and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum led in saying "Grace". The host at tomorrow afternoon's Seuda will be Director Max Moskowitz . . . Our sincere thanks to our Director Samuel K. Beier for his generous donation of prayer books to the Synagogue . . . The Tuesday night Lecture Group of our Laymen's Institute was very happy to receive Festival greetings from Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig who is now in Israel . . . Not to be outdone by the political eminence of some of our older members, many of our younger set seem to be making their own bid for political preferment. On the bulletin board of P.S. 87 there appears the names of quite a few of our Talmud Torah pupils as candidates for school officers, the names of Irene Briffel and Miriam Fisher being particularly in the limelight. And we learn from sources believed to be authoritative that your columnist's son, Stephen Joshua was elected Vice-President of his Junior High School class . . . Mazel Tov upon the birth of Gail Allison Barsky to the proud and happy parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barsky, and the Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky . . . May WEDDING ANNIVERSARY bells continue to ring for Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Feinstein, and Mr. and

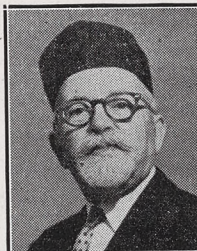
Mrs. Leopold Lunitz . . . HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Shirlee Bellsey, Judith Livingston Bernstein, Abraham Eisenman, Roy Hines, Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, Mrs. Jack Levine, Arline Padawer, Harvey Silberstein, Mrs. Frank L. Taks, Samuel Tessler, Mrs. Michael Weingarten and Rev. Chaim Shapiro who is celebrating his 75th birthday . . . Our heartiest congratulations upon the betrothal of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gruss, Michael, to Rhea Wohl . . . We were happy to see Pvt. Emanuel Yavneh, son of our Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh, at our Services and wish him G-dspeed in his new assignment and return to us in good health . . . Don't forget to mark Monday, December 8th in your date book and please notify Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel at once that you plan to attend the Women's League annual luncheon at Hotel Pierre, on that afternoon.

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Monday, October 27th

All the women of our congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend the next Open Meeting of our Women's League which will take the form of a "Close-up" Film Showing of our W.S.I.S. Children's Village in Israel, at the Synagogue Building, on Monday afternoon, October 27th.

Rabbi Goldstein will be the commentator.

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