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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

JERUSALEM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1952

Yesterday Dad and I took one of our weekly trips. Our main objective, for the day, was to pay a nice long visit to the W.S.I.S. Children's Village. When we were there last week, Dad was in a hurry to leave and we promised, that we would come again, before long. As usual there, my conveyance was the donkey cart, in which I drove around, stopping in front of each building, and getting as good a view as I could, of the inside from the outside.

There are several dormitory buildings — for the boys as well as the girls — a dining room building — wash house, hennery, barn, social activity centre, electricity generating structure, etc. One building I went inside and that was where they had laid out all the dishes — blue and coral color for milchig and for fleishig (enough for approximately 100 children), 2 patterns of flatware and large rolls of lovely plastic table clothing, also in two colors, which they had received recently. These things had all been purchased and sent by our Women's League many months ago; but they only just arrived. I got a tremendous thrill upon seeing, at their destination, those things which we had talked so much

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting for the election of Trustees and Directors, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it, will be held at our building, 120-138 W. 76th Street, N.Y., N.Y., Monday evening, January 12, 1953 at 8:30 P.M.

LESTER UDELL
President

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Secretary

DI STEFANO TO STAR IN OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF RIGOLETTO

FAST OF ASARAH B'TEVETH

This Sunday the fast of the tenth of Teveth will take place. This fast commemorates the beginning of the fatal siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon which culminated in the destruction of the first Temple (in 586 B.C.E.).

The Jews were commanded to fast by the prophet Ezekiel (24:1) "Write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day."

Asarah B'Teveth is one of the minor fasts. Thus, the fast lasts only from sunrise to sunset. On major fasts, Yom Kippur and Tisha B'Av, we must fast from sunset to sunset.

The special penitential psalms, S'lichos, are recited on this day, as well as a special reading from the Torah.

A LETTER FROM U.J.A.

Dear Mr. Udell:

Please extend our heartfelt thanks for the gift of \$5000.00 which the members of your congregation gave to the 1952 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

Your congregation has a right to be proud of its share in this great campaign to save Jewish lives and help Israel win its fight for economic security. I only wish it were possible for your members to see for themselves the constructive results of their generosity—the transformations worked in the lives of countless people throughout the world. So many people whom you will never know by name owe you thanks.

On behalf of all of them, my fellow officers and I join in expressing our earnest appreciation of your congregation's whole-hearted and sympathetic support of the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,
Samuel D. Leidesdorf, Treasurer.



We are happy to announce that Giuseppe Di Stefano, the popular Italian tenor, will be another in the cast of Metropolitan stars to take part in the W.S.I.S. Benefit Performance of Verdi's opera 'Rigoletto' at the Metropolitan Opera House on February 22, 1953. He will sing the role of the Duke.

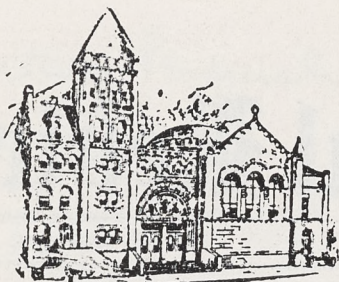
Mr. Di Stefano was born in Milan, Italy, where he made his opera debut singing at the Reggio Emilia in 1946. He came to the United States in the early part of 1948. Now, at 30 years old, he is one of the youngest stars of the Metropolitan company.

May we remind our readers of the importance of obtaining their tickets to the opera without delay. Those who contact the office regarding their seats at once will be more likely to obtain their first choice; our policy is: "First-come-first-served."

COLLEGIATES TO WELCOME OUT-OF-TOWNERS

Our Collegiates will be the hosts the coming Friday night, January 2nd, in honor of the out-of-town college young men and young women who are home for their winter vacation. We trust that all our collegiates will reserve that night for the Reunion, at the W.S.I.S. The forum will begin at 8:30. Mr. Aaron I. Maltin will speak on the McCarran Act.

The group will meet this Sunday at 7.15 at the W.S.I.S. and will go Ice Skating.



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about, at our Women's League meetings.

We also saw the tools which the Social Club of the W.S.I.S. had sent. We had a professional photographer with us and he took both movies and stills of everything. I trust these will come out well, so that we can bring home a real close-up of our Children's Village.

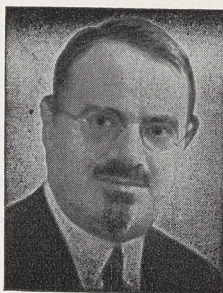
The girls kept very close to me throughout the afternoon and, as I put my arms around some of them, from time to time, I could feel, from their almost passionate response, how affection starved these poor mother-less young girls were.

There is a very fine, motherly, kind and considerate matron here and she really is as good a substitute mother as children in an institution can have.

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JERUSALEM FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1952

Yonah, my Yemenite helper, came in a few minutes ago and said "AIN CHALLOT BASHUK". "There are no Challahs in the market." It seems there is a shortage of white flour in the country, at present, and doing



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R'CHASH
SEES
IT"

528th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not To Allow Any Male Of The Seven Nations To Remain Alive"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are warned not to allow any of the seven nations to remain alive. The seven nations refer to the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, the Jebusites and the Girgashites. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 20, verse 16, "Thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth". Of course, this means if they refuse an offer of peace and are unwilling to give up idolatry and refuse to observe the 7 Noachian Laws,—namely, to have courts of justice to prohibit blasphemy, idolatry, incest, murder, robbery and cruelty to animals,—by removing one of their limbs whilst alive.

529th COMMANDMENT "Not To Cut Down Trees In Besieging A City"

We are bidden to refrain from cutting down trees when we besiege a city in order to make the way narrow for the enemy. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter

away with the baking of CHALLAS even for one SHABBAT, throughout the land of Israel, results in a tremendous saving. What will we do? We will use MATZOH which we are fortunate enough to have on hand. Even Matzoh is rationed here for Passover, and Naomi had none left, but you know my theory that everything has a good side, if you only look for it. Shortly before SHEVUOUT a large package of Passover supplies which had been sent to Naomi, from America, before PURIM, arrived. She quickly put it away, for the next year, please G-d, telling me, that this past Passover she used, and helped others out, with Passover food she had received last year. This package included 2 boxes of Matzoh. If this Passover package had come on time, this Matzoh probably would have been used up by this time, and could not have been util-

ized by us, as it will be, now. Naturally, there was a big hub-ub, among the women, who went to the market, this morning, and suddenly discovered that they would be without Challah for Shabbat. However, I was told that the general attitude was one of reconciliation to the emergencies of the present situation and that one woman said to another, if we could live thru the period of the SIEGE of JERUSALEM, only 3 years ago, when we had **NO** bread, **NO** sugar and almost **NO** water except for one pail a day, for a family, we will live thru these temporary deprivations, which the government imposes, upon us, for the long-range welfare of the people.

The purpose of this commandment is apparent. We are to train our mind and soul to love the good and the useful and to be distant from any form of devastation. If one can save something from being spoiled, he should use all his power to do so. Not so is it with the wicked. They destroy and rejoice in the destruction of the world. We note children and even adults passing by fields, uprooting shrubs, breaking twigs and so forth, unwantonly. All this is an evidence of our lack of self-control. Thus, our Torah, in every aspect of life, teaches us the negative side of self-control and conservation. We are to try to conquer the spirit of destruction that is in us.

This prohibition prevails at all times and at all places and refers to male and female. One who trespasses it and destroy a fruit tree, transgresses this negative commandment and should receive stripes.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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Gym 11:00, 12:15
Game Room 8:00

MONDAY

Game Room 8:00

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

The next meeting of the Execu-
tive Board will be held on Monday,
January 5, 1953, at the home of Mrs.
Saul Bergman, 40 W. 77th St.

The meeting will be preceded by
a luncheon at 12:30.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Our pupils are very proud of their
school newspaper, "Ha'itane". The
pupils who contributed articles are:
Myrna Barasch, Irene Briffel, Alan D.
Gorme, Susan Gross, Jack Grooth-
ius, Morton Jacobowitz, Sandra Jar-
muth, David Kahn, Marcy Mand,
Doreen Polak, Gerald Powell, Larry
Rodkin, Stephanie Rose, Samuel
Henry Sage, Abraham Sassoon,
Daniel Schuman, Malcolm Sheinker.

Personalized report cards have
been distributed. Parents are asked
to acknowledge them and to return
them promptly.

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Birthday Party

A birthday party for our pupils
who celebrate their birthdays in
December and January will be held
on Saturday afternoon, January 10th,
at 1:45 o'clock. Boys and girls of our
congregation who do not attend our
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the names and addresses.

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The next regular meeting of the
Men's Club will be held on Monday
evening, January 5, 1953, Mr. H.
William Hirsch, president of the
Club has announced.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

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Weekly Portion: Vayigash

Genesis 44:18-47:27 Ezekiel 37:15-28

Friday Evening Service 4:20

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:45

Sabbath Kindergarten

for Children 4 to 6 10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:40

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class

in English 3:10

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:10

Mincha Service 4:10

Reader of Torah: Herbert Perlman

Reader of Service: Jason Jacobowitz

The Sabbath Terminates 5:10

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 4:30

Sunday (ASSARA B'TEVETH)

Morning 6:40; 7:50; 8:20

Mincha 4:15

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Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

It is just because of the many temptations that beset Orthodox Jewish youth at out-of-town colleges, that we always feel reassured and happy when we see our own out-of-town collegians at our Shabbos services during their holiday vacations. Spotted among this segment of our congregation at our last Shabbos morning services were: Jay Ball, David Beier, Monroe Haas, and Barry Redlich. Hope to see many more at tomorrow morning's Shabbos services and thereafter until school bells start ringing again . . . At our last week's Seuda Shlishis Director Ben Glazer delivered himself of some very illuminating comments on the Sedra of the week. The host at tomorrow's Seuda will be Mr. Aaron Neustadter . . . Out of sight, but not out of mind: Happy Florida vacationing to Director and Mrs. Julius Bayer and Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim. Joseph F. Cohen is vacationing in the Western portion of our country, and from California we welcome home Miss Lenore Druckman, one of our active Senior League members . . . We happily bestow a citation of merit upon our beloved Rebbetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, who will be the guest of honor at the silver anniversary dinner, in the early spring, of the Hebrew Teachers' Training School for Girls, an institution of which she was one of the organizers and founders . . .

Our heartiest Mazel Tov to Flora Coleman and Samuel C. Drexler upon their marriage in our Synagogue, and to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Mopper upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Diane to Malcom S. Schryer . . . Our best of everything to our Women's League Treasurer, Mrs. Sadie Lippman, upon the betrothal of her daughter, Sondra to Daniel Mayper and upon the betrothal of Ruth Cohen, of our Talmud Torah staff, to Burton Lesser.

Wedding Anniversary Greetings to: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arsham, Director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond, Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Gross, Director

and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Levine, Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisel, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter, Mr. and Mrs. Lynton, Charles Wiener, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Whitcup . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Mrs. Kurt Benjamin, Dr. Gerald Blankfort, Elias Bloomgarden, David Don, Barbara Carol Epstein, Mrs. Alex M. Golden, Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Seth Michael Goldstein, Mrs. Samuel Greenman, George Jablow, Morton Leonard Landowne, Beth Leah Levine, Rueben Richman, Patricia Ann Shenker, Douglas Weill, Gerald Bruce Weiss, Toby Wohl.

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W.S.I.S. Social Director

It was wonderful to see so many children and parents at our Youth Club Chanukah celebration last Saturday night. The Bnos, Boys Club, Brownies, Cub Scout Dens, and Maccabbees, each put on some type of performance for the rest of the clubs. We're looking forward to other such programs.

We'll be hearing more about the 15-16 years old sorority Phi Lamda Kappa, since they had a successful coed "get-together" last Sunday night. A "thank you" to Diane Hirsch for the use of her home for the "get-together."

The Arts and Crafts program is featuring the making of Mogen David ceramic ash trays. Anybody of any age is acceptable — just have your Youth Club membership card (price: 75 cents). The next session of the Arts and Crafts group will be held on Wednesday evening, January 7, 1953.

See you in the Synagogue . . .

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