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THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

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Holiday Notes

FAST OF ESTHER

This Thursday, the Fast of Esther will take place. Ordinarily, this fast takes place on the thirteenth day of Adar, the day immediately preceding Purim. This year, however, since that day falls on the Sabbath, the fast is advanced to the Thursday preceding Purim, since it is forbidden to fast on the Sabbath, except on the Day of Atonement, nor can one fast on Friday, the eve of the Sabbath, since one must prepare for the Sabbath.

The Fast commemorates the day that Haman had chosen to annihilate the Jews, and the day on which they arose in defense of their lives against their attackers. It also recalls the fast that Esther had ordered upon the Jews as a prayer to G-d to help her save them. Thus we participate in the trials of our people as well as in their joys.

Machazit Hashekel

It is customary to give the equivalent of three half-shekels for charity, before the reading of the Megillah on Purim eve. Inasmuch as this year the reading of the Megillah takes place right after the Sabbath Services, the half-shekels are given after Mincha on the day of the Fast of Esther, this Thursday.

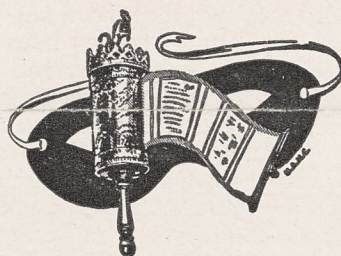
The Seventh of Adar

This Sunday is the seventh of Adar. The Midrash tells us that Moses was born and died on this day. For that reason some Jews are accustomed to read special prayers on this day, the Yahrzeit of Moshe Rabbenu. It has also been pointed out that this Yahrzeit falls during the week of the portion "T'zaveh", the one portion after Exodus, in which the name of Moses is not mentioned.

**There Are Some
Openings in our Daily
Afternoon Kindergarten
Inquiries Invited**

GALA PURIM EVE CELEBRATION SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 28th

Reservations Must Be Made By This Monday



RESERVE FOR SEDORIM NOW

Our experience in the past has taught us that it is most advisable to make early reservations for the Congregational Passover Sedorim. The reason is that very often our members delay making reservations and then discover that there are no places left.

The Sedorim will be held this year at the Esplanade Hotel on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 30 and 31. The price is \$10 per person per evening and includes all gratuities.

Please make your reservations now by phoning our office, TR 7-8281.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We realize that our young people are kept very busy at school and with their social activities. We feel, however, that Jewish boys and girls should remain loyal to their Jewish heritage as well.

For the benefit of the young men of our congregation who are over the age of 13, we have an extension course in Jewish Studies which meets on Thursday afternoons from 5:30 to 6:30 and on Saturday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:30.

A similar group for girls of Post Bas Mitzvah age, meets Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15.

We hope that all our youth will take advantage of this program, which is the result of much planning and effort. Should you want any further information, please do not hesitate to call Rabbi Reichel.

Preparations for the Gala Purim Party which will take place immediately following the Megillah reading on Purim Eve, Saturday night, February 28, are well under way.

Under the direction of a joint Men's Club and Women's League Committee, with co-chairmen, Mrs. Myron Friedlander, Mrs. Frank L. Taks, Messrs. Alexander Kirsch and Al Braff, in charge, plans are being made for a most enjoyable and unforgettable evening of dining, entertainment and sociability.

The Committee cannot make its final plans, however, until it is certain exactly how many of our members and friends will be present on Purim eve to join in this gala celebration of the holiday. Since the plans for the evening include a delicious Dutch Supper, the Committee must have this information as soon as possible.

For that reason, all those who intend to attend this function must see to it that there are reservations for them in advance. All such reservations must be made **no later than this Monday, February 23rd**. We cannot urge our readers too strongly, therefore, to make their reservations at once.

Please make checks payable to the W.S.I.S. Men's Club. To delay may mean to forget, and thus miss one of the finest social and festive evenings in our Synagogue.

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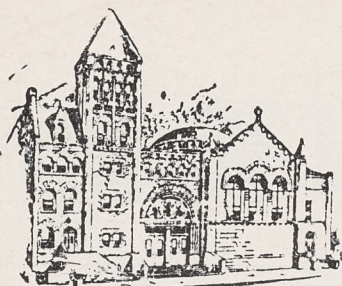
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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

Our second stop was at a small MAHBAHRAH called NAHON. I got out of the car with the other women, and entered the school-house (one floor, one room) which was right on the road. Forty-five children, in 3 shifts, attend this school. We came upon a group of about 15 beautiful Yemenite girls between the ages of 11 and 14, seriously occupied with their lessons. They learn Hebrew reading and writing, arithmetic and history. They are also taught embroidery and some of them are most adept at it. They have their lunch at noon, in the school, and when they get home, they do all the housework for their mothers. They clean, cook and feed the children while their mothers do embroidery work and thus help earn a living for the family. After the children had been dismissed, a group of young married Yemenite girls came into the classroom and quickly sat down in what was apparently their regular seats. The teacher (a most capable and charming SABRA — native born — who had graduated from the Mizrahi Teachers Seminary here), wrote the words of a song,



"AS
 R'CHASH
 SEES
 IT"

540th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS "Breaking Down Under A Load" By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are warned, that if we see an ass or any other cattle heavily weighted, or for any other reason is crouching under its load, we are not allowed to pass it by, and go our own way, but we are to help it and to balance or fix the load in such a way that the animal can stand erect. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 4, "Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or sheep and hide thyself from them".

One who trespasses this law and does not help, breaks this negative commandment and the positive commandment in the book of Exodus. The Ralbag (commentator on the Bible) points out that this also refers to the human being as well as to the animal. If he is oppressed under the load that he carries, he is to be helped by the passerby, so that he can have his pack rear-

in Hebrew, on the black-board, sang the song once herself, had the pupils each read a line, then, in the manner of a College cheer-leader, pepped them up into singing it altogether. One of these students (who looked no more than 18 years of age, had a little girl of about 1½ years sitting on the floor, alongside of her bench. The story goes that when this student first began to come to this class, she was nursing this child and she used to do this in class. That child literally absorbed learning with its mother's milk, hence it is not as surprising as it might otherwise be, that such a very young child was as well-behaved as the adults, during the session. I was very much interested to see this demonstration of the adult education program which is being carried on in Israel at present. Primitive oriental people are becoming modernized, educated and introduced, for the first time in their lives, to western civilization.

Next we went to a historic spot which used to be known as DERAH-

ranged to make it possible for him to walk more easily.

541st COMMANDMENT "The Laws Of Loading And Unloading"

We are commanded to help our brethren, or his cattle, on the road, when there is no one there to help him. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, chapter 22, verse 4, "Thou shalt surely help them to lift him up again". Our Sages say that for helping to load, one may ask pay. However, to unload we are obliged to help without pay, because it is easier and takes less time.

542nd COMMANDMENT "Women Are Not Permitted To Wear Men's Clothing"

Women should not put on men's apparel. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 5, "Women should not wear that which pertaineth to a man". An interchange of attire between man and woman would promote immorality and immorality.

The purpose of this commandment is to keep our people Holy, for we are designated as "a kingdom of priests and a Holy people" in Exodus, Chapter 19, verse 6.

This prohibition refers to all places and to all times and to women. A woman who trespasses this commandment and clothes herself with clothing that is distinctly a man's apparel, in a place where she lives, is guilty of receiving stripes.

BAN ALEF. It was here that a group of 35 young men, (who had come all the way from Jerusalem on foot, to help the Kfar Etzion group when they were besieged by the Arabs) were themselves attacked by the Arabs, and everyone of them killed.

This place, now also known as MACHMAN SIEAH, was developed into a fair sized village, most of whose inhabitants are Yemenites. Each family has its own house, its own vegetable garden, its own chickens, etc. The able-bodied men are all employed on government projects. There are about 100 families living in this community. A nurse and a Doctor are sent by the government twice a week. Just as at our last stop we left an ample supply of powdered milk with the nurse, to give to the mothers of children who need it. The Israel Food Fund of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America had done a splendid job in providing these large quantities of powdered milk, which is so vitally needed here.

A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull

W.S.I.S. Social Director

Co-ed Collegiates: the Thespians will have their first meeting this Friday, February 20th at 8:30 (not 9:00). The avowed purpose is to enjoy ourselves with readings from plays. (We are not responsible for authors whirling in their graves.)

We hope to be seeing all our children (up to the age of 75-80) enjoying themselves at the annual Purim Carnival to be held Sun. Mar. 1st at 2:00 P.M. in the Social Hall. There will be booths galore in which to try your luck and skill. "Step right up, folks..." All our younger element are invited to participate in the masquerade contest, and come dressed up for the occasion.

Our Junior Congregation will elect a president and vice-president this coming Shabbat. The Junior Service will also run its own "Chazan Training Course". It will be at 10:30, fifteen minutes before the Service.

Our 11-12 year old girls' group which meets on Sunday mornings at 11 have chosen the name, Junior Devs (short for "Devorahs"). We think it's a nice name and a nice club. The chalah covers which they are embroidering will be exhibited at our Purim Carnival.

See you in the Synagogue.

COLLEGIATE NOTES

The Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council will have as its guest speaker next Friday night, February 27th, Judge David N. Edelstein of the United States District Court. All young people are urged to keep that evening open.

Talmud Torah Notes

Our pupils are preparing a Purim edition of their school paper. Boys and girls of Talmud Torah age may write for a copy — or pick one up at the Talmud Torah office.

Our Women's League will provide greggers for all the youngsters who will attend the reading of the Megillah on Saturday night and on Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing a record number of children with their parents this Purim at the W.S.I.S.

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An Important Reminder To Parents

We would like to remind our parents to join their children at the reading of the Megillah on Purim, Saturday night, Feb. 28th, and Sunday morning, March 1st, in our Synagogue. See prayer schedule for time. May we also suggest that parents give their children "shalach munos", Purim gifts, in the spirit of the holiday, and that they have Hamantashen — and a Purim dinner in their homes.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The youngsters of our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten are having their own Purim celebration on Wednesday afternoon, February 25th. All our parents are invited to enjoy this afternoon with our little ones.

Information concerning registration in our Kindergarten may be had by calling our office, TR 7-8281.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening before 5:16

Weekly Portion: Terumah

Exodus 25: 1-27.19 I Kings 5.26-6.13

Friday Evening Service5:20

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:45

Sabbath Kindergarten

for Children 4 to 610:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:40

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class

in English3:45

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:45

Mincha Service4:45

Reader of Torah: Joseph Weisenfeld

Reader of Service: Joseph Neustadter

The Sabbath Terminates6:12

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning6.45, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00

Daily Mornings6.45, 7.45, 8.30

Mincha5:30

Thursday Morning (Fast of Esther)

.....6.30 7.20, 8.10

Thursday Mincha (Fast of Esther) 5:15

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

ATTENTION: W.S.I.S. LEAGUE AND ALL PARENTS

At no cost, you can greatly help hundreds of youngsters in Israel. A drive is now on for outgrown but good children's clothing (of all ages) and diapers. These are urgently needed now. Please make up a package, mark it "for Israel" and leave it in the Synagogue office at your convenience.

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Tuesday Night — All Welcome

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by Sanford Solarz

A hearty and affectionate welcome home to our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein who have just returned from Israel where they attended the wedding of their daughter, Naomi, to Major Shear-Yashuv Cohen, Chaplain in the Israeli Army. The ceremony took place in the Jeshurun Synagogue in Jerusalem. The officiating rabbis were: Chief Rabbi of Israel Isaac Halevy Herzog, the Chief of Chaplains of the Israeli Army Solomon Goron, the Chief Rabbi of Petach Tikvah Reuben Katz, and, of course, the father of the bride, our own Rabbi Goldstein . . . We are happy to have back in our midst again from Israel and Europe, Mrs. Hyman I. Schachter: from our winter colony in Florida, our beloved President and Mrs. Lester Udell, Director and Mrs. Jess E. Gross, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Udell . . . En route to Florida, happy vacation time to Mr. Hyman Gottlieb . . . The host at tomorrow afternoon's weekly Seuda Shlishis will be Mr. Morris Katz, in honor of the yahrzeit of his parents. . . . Our heartfelt gratitude to our Director Ben Glazer for his very useful gift of a complete set of the Bible (Tanach) with classic Hebrew commentaries, which we are certain will be well used and thumbled by the many seekers of the treasures of our cultural heritage who daily come to our Beth Hamedrash . . . Our prayers for a speedy return to good health to Director Julius Bayer and Director Bernard Lax . . . We were happy to note that a goodly number of W.S.I.S. women were active in the Yeshiva University Women's Organization East Coast Membership Rally and Fashion Show, held recently at the Plaza Hotel . . .

Wedding Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. David Horowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Langer, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Leisten, and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Weisberger . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Mrs. Harry Altman, Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Benjamin Bernstein, Bernard B. Brandt, Joseph F. Cohen, Sigg Eisenberg, Samuel Gardner, Abe Goldman, Rand Gottlieb, Mrs. Henry K. Landau, George Linker, Mark

Daniel Plung, Jo-Ann Sedwitz, Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, Mrs. Bernard Udell, Hon. Albert Wald, and Mrs. Eddie Weinstein . . . Looking forward to seeing each and all of you at the Metropolitan Opera this coming Sunday, together with the great operatic cast and those misanthropes, the Duke of Mantua, his Jester Rigoletto, and his beautiful daughter Gilda.

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