

SABBATH SERVICES TOMORROW,
SHABBOS HACHODESH, AT 8:50

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE PASSOVER RELIEF APPEAL

The following letter was sent to all Women's League members recently. We feel that the readers of the W.S.I.S. Review will also want to participate in the Mitzvah of Passover Relief:

Dear Friend:

As the Passover season draws near, we must make our Annual Appeal to you for funds, for Passover Relief to the needy.

The cost of living is higher than heretofore, and unless we come to the financial assistance of our underprivileged, sick and handicapped brethren, many of them will be unable to observe this historic holiday, in the traditional manner.

Let us imagine that we are providing for some additional guests at our own table, and make a contribution accordingly, to the Passover Relief Fund.

Your early reply will make it possible for us to take care of all who apply to us for aid, thus gladdening their otherwise saddened hearts.

Best wishes to you and your dear ones for a pleasant Passover.

Won't you please help us?

Cordially yours,

MRS. HARRY WARD, President
MRS. MAX KOCH, Chairman
Passover Relief Fund

P.S. Checks should be made payable to Joint Passover Relief Fund and mailed to Women's League, W.S.I.S., 120 West 76th Street.

SEDER RESERVATIONS



Tomorrow, the Blessing for the New Month of Nisan will be recited in the Synagogue. It is now but a little over two weeks until the Passover holiday. The time for closing of reservations for our Congregational Sedorim will be upon us very shortly. May we urge all our readers who plan to attend these Congregational Sedorim to make their reservations immediately.

The Sedorim will be held at the Hotel Esplanade, at West End Ave. and 74th St. The charge, which includes all gratuities is \$10 person per night. The Sedorim will be held on both nights, March 30, and 31.

As usual, the Sedorim will be under the inspiring direction of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, and Cantor Zalmon Yavneh.

W.S.I.S. LEAGUE

Our young married couples will meet this Sunday night, March 15th, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. Hana-nia, 35 West 92nd St., at 8:30 o'clock.

Mr. David Dolinsky will speak on "Physical Aspects of Color in Home Decorating".

Holiday Notes

SABBATH HACHODESH

The fourth of the Special Sabbaths prior to the Passover holiday takes place tomorrow. The Sabbath which precedes Rosh Chodesh, (the first day of the New Moon), of the month of Nisan, is known as Sabbath Hachodesh.

The special Torah reading for this Sabbath begins with: "This month (the month of Nisan) shall be the head of the months for you." It also contains the law regarding the Passover sacrifice. (Exodus 12:1-20) Likewise does the Haftorah reading from Ezekiel 45 discuss the obligation on all of the Passover sacrifice.

Maath Chittim

"Maath Chittim" means money for wheat for baking Matzah. It has always been deemed the duty of every member of the community to see to it that every fellow-Jew be enabled to observe the Passover holiday with matzoths, and wine for 'Kiddush' as well as other necessary food for the celebration of the Passover.

Immediately after Purim the leaders of the community are specifically charged with the task of collecting these funds for the benefit of the less fortunate to whom the preparation for a complete Passover is an economic strain.

Mechiras Chometz

A Jew may not have in his possession any Chametz whatsoever during the Passover holiday. Any chametz that is retained in the Jewish home during the Passover holiday may NOT be eaten after the holiday, unless that Chometz was "sold" in accordance with Jewish law before the holiday.

The owner of the chametz usually sells the rights to his chametz which must be stored away, to the Rabbi, who in turn sells it to a non-Jew. After the holiday, the chametz is re-

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YOUTH SABBATH TO BE HELD MAY 2nd

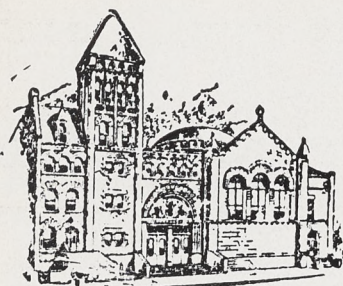
YOUNG MEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SERMON CONTEST

Friday night, May 1st, will usher in our annual Youth Sabbath, when the young men of our Congregation will lead in the entire Sabbath services. Following the Sabbath morning service, the young ladies of our Congregation will serve as hostesses at a Youth Kiddush.

Young men of our Congregational family who wish to participate as cantors and readers of the Torah

should notify Rabbi Reichel at once.

As in the past, a sermon contest will be held, and the winners will occupy the pulpit on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. The manuscripts must be unsigned and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the contestant's name, and are to be sent to the Sermon Contest Committee by April 10th.



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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

JERUSALEM, FRIDAY, JULY 4th, 1952

On our way back to Jerusalem, I noticed a striking difference between last year and this year. The number of canvas tents and tin houses one passes on the road, has noticeably decreased and the number of little cement houses which have replaced the tents and tin houses has considerably increased. Transit and Refugee Camps of 2 years ago and last year have practically disappeared. Work Villages of last year are rapidly changing into settlements and cities. The progress is both striking and encouraging. Everything is being done in Israel, in a big way, due to the large number of people that have to be taken care of. Houses are built on the basis of mass production — a great many at one time. Bananas and tobacco plantations are enormous in size, so are the grape vineyards, and rows of corn, potatoes and other vegetables stretch on for such great lengths that they almost seem to be endless.

As we drove up the steep incline



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546th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Thou Shalt Make A Battlement For Thy Roof"

by RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

We read in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 8: "Thou shalt make a parapet for thy roof." The Rabbis say in the Talmud Kesubos that one should always take precautionary measures so that injury to life or limb may be averted. The Torah is opposed to creating dangerous situations and then saying that the accident was "Providential." Jacob, when expressing his reluctance to send Benjamin to the Egyptian Ruler, said (see Genesis, Chapter 42, verse 38) "If mischief befall him by the way in which ye go, etc. . . ." Jacob felt that at home nothing harmful was likely to occur to Benjamin, but on the road, which was beset with dangers, an unpredestined death might occur.

One should not say G-d knows what will and should happen. We must do the correct thing, in line with the Natural Law. G-d gave us the שכל, the "mind", to protect our-

which leads to the City of Jerusalem, the sun was just setting over the surrounding hills — the hills of Judea. The sight was most entrancing.

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We did not make any other stops but we passed the new HARTUV which is a MAHBABRAH housing about 1000 people, in hundreds of tin houses. A city to be called BET SHEMESH is now being built, on an elevation of ground, which rises up on one side of the MAHBABRAH. A large number of attractive looking cement houses (built by the Jewish Agency) will shortly be ready for occupation. Priority will be given to those who have been living in tin houses — the next step above canvas tents — for a long time, to move into the new cement houses and recently arrived refugees will move into the tin ones.

selves. Therefore, we are not to work against Natural Law. If one falls, he must be hurt. Man is bound by Natural Law and therefore he must be careful not to conflict with it. It is true that in some exceptional cases some few saints like Abraham and Daniel were saved from the workings of the Natural Law. But how many Abrahams and Daniels are there in the world? Therefore, we are not to depend upon a miracle. As a matter of fact, our Sages say "he who depends upon a miracle, no miracle occurs for him." G-d has implanted in each and everyone of us the natural instinct to protect ourselves from harm. G-d, having created us according to and under the Natural Law, it is therefore evident that our task is not to live above the Natural Law, but to recognize its place and order in the world.

The Bible has chosen as our illustration a roof, because everyone lives in a dwelling place, where a roof is involved.

The laws of this commandment are that a parapet or battlement must be placed only upon the roof of a residential building. But a storehouse, or any abode that is less than 4 x 4 cubits, does not come under this Commandment. So also synagogues and schools because they are not dwelling places do not come under this Commandment. The height of the parapet must be at least 10 handbreadths. **Ten handbreadths are always regarded as a** מחיצה, "a separation."

CONTRIBUTORS TO YESHIVOS

Shabos Zachor Appeal

On Sabbath Zachor, our Congregation responded generously to our annual appeal on behalf of thirty-two Yeshivos throughout the world. **Absence from this appeal does not free one from his or her obligation.** We are happy to list below the contributors to this appeal:

William Ball, Samuel K. Beier, Aaron Bernstein, M. J. Berlin, Mrs. Uscher Doppelt, Abraham Eisenman, Nathan Gellens, Gabriel Goldstein, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Hon. Rudolph Halley Isak Haselkorn, William B. Herlands, Leopold Hirsch, Max M. Horowitz, Dr. G. I. Hunter, S. Joseph, Maurice Kalkor, Jacob Kaplan, Henry L. Kessler, Irving Kobrin, Samuel Pincus, Mrs. Rose Rosenbaum, Sydney Rothenberg, Jack Schloss, Hyman Schwartz, Mrs. J. Slayton, M. Edward Stecher, George Weinstock.

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

A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull
W.S.I.S. Social Director

We are going to have a pre-Passover "Social" for our teen-agers, Saturday night, March 21st, at 8:30, in the Social Hall. The music will be supplied by A. Victrola and his whirling discs.

Our Youth Department is sponsoring a **Passover Party** for the younger set on Saturday night, March 28th, at 8:00, in the Social Hall. A fine program of games and movies has been arranged.

Arts & Crafts is featuring wood-burning and copper work, Wednesday night, 7:30 P.M.

Game Room is open Mondays, at 7:00 P.M.

See you in the Synagogue.

SABBATH HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Members of our Senior League and Collegiates are invited to participate in a round-table discussion on "Jewish Religion in Our Times". The purpose of these Saturday afternoon get-togethers is to help clarify Jewish concepts in terms of modern living. All young people are invited to participate this Saturday, at 3:00 o'clock, in the Club Room.

Mechiras Chometz

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purchased and reverts once again to the original owner.

Rabbi Pekier will be available in the Synagogue until Passover to arrange for the sale of the chametz. He will be in the synagogue between 6:30 and 10 A.M. and from 6:00 to 10 P.M.

For those who cannot come personally to the Synagogue to arrange for this, the attached coupon may be mailed to the Synagogue. Any contributions will be credited to the W.S.I.S. Charity Fund.

I, (we) hereby authorize Rabbi Goldstein to dispose of all Chametz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be, at home, place of business or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law.

Signature

Address

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

The next regular meeting of the Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, March 16, in our Synagogue Building, Mr. H. William Hirsch, President of the Club has announced.

Mr. Hirsch urges all those members who are interested in participating in any way in next week's Men's Club Sabbath, to be held on March 21, to attend this meeting. Complete plans for this Sabbath event will be discussed at the meeting.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The boys and girls of our Hebrew School who are celebrating their birthdays in February and March, will be honored at the Services, this Saturday morning, March 14th.

The birthday celebrants and their friends will attend the Junior Congregation at 10:45 o'clock. Towards the close of the services they will march into the main Synagogue, where they will be greeted and blessed by Rabbi Goldstein. Following the services, they will return with their parents to the Junior Congregation room, where they will enjoy a Kiddush and party and will be presented with birthday gifts which they may wear on their way home.

Parents, relatives, and friends are invited to join our boys and girls in the services and the festivities. Those who cannot pray in Hebrew, may follow the outline found in the front cover of our Prayer Book and Bible, and the English translations which accompany the text.

COLLEGIATE NEWS

The Collegiates of the Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street, will be the hosts of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council, this Friday night, March 13th, at 8:30 o'clock. "So, I Used Psychology on Him" will be the topic of the guest speaker, Dr. Irving Barnett, prominent clinical psychologist.

All our Collegiates are invited to attend.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening
before 5:35
Friday Evening Service 5:45
Saturday Morning Service 8:50
Weekly Portion: Vayakhayl - Pekuday
Ex. 35:1 — 38:12
Parshas Hachodesh Ex. 12:1 - 20
(Prayer for New Month)
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children
4 to 6 10:30
Junior Congregation 10:45
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:40
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class 4:10
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 4:10
Mincha Service 5:10
Reader of Torah: Herbert Goldberg
Reader of Service: Lawrence Kobrin
The Sabbath Terminates 6:26
Daily Services:
Sunday Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00
Tuesday Morning (Rosh Chodesh)
6:45, 7:40, 8:20
Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha 5:45
Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein



Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our members, Mr. Max J. Etra and Mrs. Rose Markovitz upon the loss of their father, **Israel Etra**.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Sigmund Wallach upon the loss of his mother.

Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

The gaiety and fun-laden sounds that filled our Synagogue House Purim afternoon, emanated from our monster Purim Carnival for the children of our members and friends. The parents, no less than the children thoroughly enjoyed the games, the prizes, the delicious refreshments, and the multi-colored and exciting costumes of the children. Our citations of merit for the great success of the Carnival are hereby awarded to its sponsors: our Talmud Torah and Social Department Staff, and our P.T.A., particularly Mrs. Jules Citron, Mrs. Morris Fleischman, Mrs. Monroe Gaines, Mrs. Henry Lindenbaum, Mr. Sidney Kantor, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tumpowsky; to Mr. Jules Citron for his generous contribution of delicious apples and to Martin Kahn for some of the prizes . . . Miss Debbie Siegel was the hostess at her home for the recent meeting of the Junior Division of the U.J.A. committee to formulate plans for the coming season's fund raising campaign . . . The worshippers at our last Shabbos morning services were treated to a highly illuminating talk by Dr. Abraham Falk Schlesinger, eminent physician and Director of the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem . . . The host at the Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Benjamin Stone . . . Welcome home from Mexico to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Krumbein, and from Florida to Mrs. Samuel K. Beier, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg, Mr. Hyman Gottlieb, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Pargament . . . We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch upon their son, Alan's receiving his M.A. degree from New York University, and their daughter, Ann's making the Dean's List at William Smith College . . . Our heartiest Mazel Tov upon the birth of a daughter, Marleen Sandra, to Mr. and Mrs. George Barr, and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barr; and to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schlegman upon the **Marriage** of their daughter, Arlene, to Leonard Meyers.

Our prayers for a speedy return to good health by Mrs. Sol Bellsey, Mr. Daniel Trotsky, and Mr. Morty Morris . . . **Wedding Anniversary**

greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ehrenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Greenman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin . . . Many happy returns upon their **Birthdays** to Michael Bernheim, Seymour Bernstein, Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum, Morty Cohen, Max Dabek, Mrs. David Don, Mrs. Allen Fox, Dr. M. S. Gershweir, Ilene Eve Goldsmith, Leona Kessler, Mrs. Leopold Lunity, Dr. Raphael Meisels, Harold Pash, Hon. Vice-President Max E. Sanders, and Avigdor Ziskin.

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