

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY
SPECIAL SERVICES SUNDAY AT 6:15 P.M.

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ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY TO BE MARKED BY SPECIAL SERVICES

This Monday is the fifth day of the month of Iyar, the fifth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel. It was on this day in 1948 that we witnessed the great miracle in our times of the establishment of a State in Israel after almost 2,000 years.

In commemoration of this important event, a special service, prepared by the Chief Rabbinate in Israel, will be held on Sunday evening at 6:15 P.M. As part of the religious significance of this day, the Chief Rabbinate has decreed the recital of certain Psalms and prayers as well as the omission of Tachanun on Monday.

We urge all our congregants to attend on Sunday evening at 6:15 P.M. Our Rabbis and Cantor will participate in the Service.

Women's League U.J.A. Committee Participates Fully In Campaign

The 1953 U.J.A. Campaign is on. We are all fully aware of the urgent need of helping this most worthy cause. It is the U.J.A. which is responsible for the very lives as well as for the health and happiness of our unfortunate brethren not only in Europe and Israel, but also in this country, through its work for "New Americans."

When your U.J.A. pledge blank reaches you, won't you please respond as generously and as promptly as you can?

The following hard-working committee is leaving no stone unturned to contact every possible contributor.

Mrs. Walter Freeman, Chairman
Mrs. Morris Segerman, Co-Ch'm'n
Committee: Mesdames Al Braff,

"THE MAN OF THE YEAR" TO BE HONORED

RESPONSE TO APPEAL FOR MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL

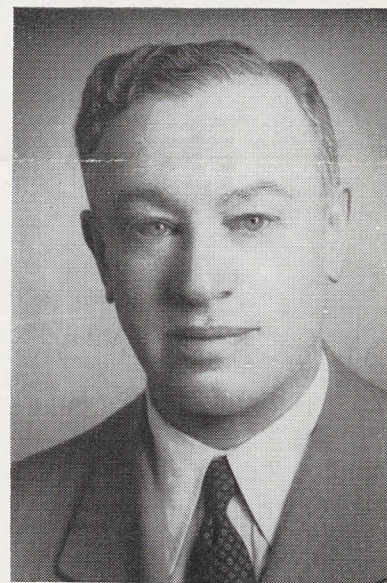
Last week, on the eighth day of the Passover holiday, an appeal was made in our Synagogue for the Manhattan Day School. Our Synagogue is one of the sponsoring institutions of this important effort. The school was originally organized and created in our building, and many of our members are active participants in its work.

Those who have not as yet sent in their contributions are urged to do so at once. Checks may be sent to our Office. They should be made out to "Manhattan Day School."

We are happy to list below those who have already responded to the appeal:

Arthur Aibinder, Aaron Bernstein, Mrs. Rachel Barowsky, N. Bellack, Mrs. Re-

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Herman H. Cohen

All our members and friends have a wonderful opportunity to serve our beloved institution and at the same time pay honor to Mr. Herman H. Cohen, who has performed outstanding and devoted services to the W.S.I.S.

The Souvenir Album of 1953 will be presented to him at a Reception in his honor in our building on Tuesday, June 23, 1953, in recognition of his wonderful and loyal cooperation.

To make this event a real tribute, the Souvenir Album of 1953 should be filled with "ads" of his and our friends.

Please do what you can to have this token of our esteem be one which will show most conclusively our regard for the man of the year.

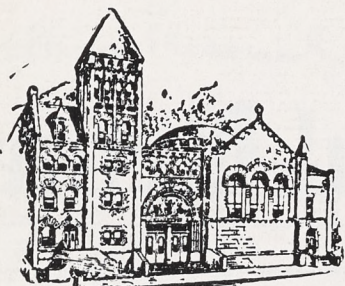
FOR YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

Our W. S. I. S. League invites young married couples of our Congregation to attend its next meeting in the Club Room, on Sunday night, April 19. A film of unusual insight and interest, "The High Wall" will be shown.



Mrs. Walter Freeman,
Chairman

Ben K. Eisenberg, Myron Friedlander, Emanuel Goodman, Joseph Kirsch, Lillian G. Levine, May Lohak, Abraham Shaller, Frank L. Taks, Michael Weingarten, Andrew Weiss, Jennie Yabrow, Mrs. Harry Ward, Ex-officio.



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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

Monday, July 7, 1952

Our trip today took us close to the borderline between Israel and Transjordan. Only a rather narrow strip of territory of about 200 feet, known as "No Man's Land" separates these two countries which were formerly one. Driving along the Israel side of "No Man's Land", we came as close as non-Arabs can get to Mt. Scopus, on the top of which stand the beautiful Hadassah Hospital and the impressive looking buildings of the Hebrew University with its immense stadium. Thickly knotted barbed wire fences make it well-nigh impossible to put even one foot into No Man's Land, which, it is believed, still has a number of unexploded mines within it. At the end of this road stands the now famous Mandelbaum Gate, which is nothing more than a pole similar to those which are raised and lowered at railroad crossings. The last house on the road belonged to a man by the name of Mandelbaum, hence the name of the Gate. Two Arabs stand on one side of the Gate and two Israeli soldiers on the other, and no one can go in, one way or the other, without the closest scrutiny

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"AS
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551 OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"The Laws Of Shaatnes"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are not allowed to own a garment containing flax and wool. This is called "Shaatnes", as we read in the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 22, verse 11, "Thou shalt not wear a mingled stuff, wool and linen together." The word שַׂטְנֵס "Shaatnes" is a combination of three words. שוּעַ which means **combed**, טוּי which means **woven**, and נוּו which means **thread**, rolled together at one time. Shaatnes, Biblically speaking, must represent these three, namely, combing, weaving and the threads rolled together of the wool and the linen. The linen and the wool must be either sewed together or tied together twice. This is the Biblical form of Shaatnes. If one trespassed this law, he received stripes. According to the Rabbis, however, if any of the three processes was performed, namely, combing or weaving or rolling together the threads of linen and wool, this law was vio-

lated. However, hats, if they contain wool and linen together, are not prohibited because they do not come under the category of garments. Shaatnes garments may be carried on a pole over one's shoulder but not to touch the body, and are permitted to be sold to gentiles. The prohibition of Shaatnes prevails at all times, at all places, and refers to male and female.

"The reason underlying the prohibition may possibly be the same as that against mixing seeds. The Rabbis class it with the prohibition of swine's flesh and other "chukim", "statutes" which the loyal Israelite nevertheless willingly obeys because they are the commandments of his Father who is in Heaven." (Herz).

552nd COMMANDMENT

"The Laws Concerning Marriage"

We are commanded to take a wife by one of these three means: by money, contract or cohabitation, as we read in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 13: "If any man take a wife and cohabit with her." The terms employed for marriage are also used for divorce.

We do not consider the practice of cohabitation as one of the three methods of marriage because we necessarily would have to be present, but the marriage is valid.

Money is not a constant reminder. However, it is permissible to give money instead of a ring.

COLLEGIATE WEEK AT THE W. S. I. S.

On Saturday afternoon, April 18, at 3:00 o'clock, Dr. Henry Reichlin, noted music authority and voice specialist, will speak on "Jewish Contributions to Music" at our Oneg Shabbat of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council, in the Council Room.

On Tuesday night, April 21st, at 8:15 o'clock, Mr. Douglas Kahn of the New York Health Association will present a film on "The Meaning of Engagement" and will lead in a discussion on this subject.

College-age men and women are invited to attend these Collegiate events.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

A regular meeting of the Men's Club of W.S.I.S. will take place this Monday, April 20th, at 8:30 P.M. Many reports will be presented and discussed.

Manhattan Day School

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becca Dack, Benj. Drexler, Abraham Friedberg, Maurice M. Faber, Capt. Frank E. Fink, Mrs. S. Geismar, F. Goldstein, Hyman B. Gordon.

Also Isak Haselkorn, Max Hecht, Max M. Horowitz, Morris Katz, A. Kronfeld, Jacob Kaplan, Burton G. Kebart, Mrs. Minnie Krawitz, Harry Mirken, Mrs. G. Moskowitz, Mrs. Seril Perlman, Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, Dr. John G. Reich.

Also Mrs. Ella Sabolowitz, Samuel Schwarzman, H. Schetzen, Ben Spieler, Jack Schloss, Elmer H. Settel, M. G. Shapiro, Samuel Silver.

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

A Bird's Eye View

Calling all Social Club and Hebrew School boys and girls! Be on the lookout for **four Saturday afternoon parties in a row!** The first will be this Shabbat, April 18th, at 3:45 with games, songs and refreshments.

The Debs will have a picnic this Sunday morning.

Game Room Tournament:

An end-season tournament of all interested boys and girls in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels. A cup and other prizes will be awarded for each level. Monday night at 7:30.

The Arts and Crafts club is specializing in wood-plaques. Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Our pupils will celebrate Israel Independence Day (Iyar 5) at special assemblies.

On Log B'Omer, May 3rd, our pupils will join their friends of the Beth Hillel and Jewish Center Hebrew Schools in a program of outdoor tournaments. Special busses have been arranged to bring the young people to the spacious grounds of the Hebrew Institute of Long Island (Far Rockaway), which houses the All Day School and the Hi-Li Summer Day Camp.

Parents are urged to return the consent slips to the teachers, to-

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	
before	6:12
Weekly Portion: Tazria-Metzorah	
Leviticus 12:1-15:33 — 2 Kings 7:3-20	
Second Chapter: Ethics of the Fathers	
Friday Evening Service	6:15
OMER Friday Night 18	
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children	
4 to 6	10:30
Junior Congregation	10:45
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3:40
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	4:40
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	4:40
Mincha Service	5:40
Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz	
Reader of Service: Herbert Perlman	
Ethics of the Fathers — Rabbi Reichel	
The Sabbath Terminates	7:02
Daily Services:	
Sunday Morning	6:45, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00
Mornings	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha	6:30
Followed by the Explanation of the	
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	

gether with the nominal bus fare.

This project is sponsored by the Committee on Jewish Education of the West Side.

Our Talmud Torah is accepting new pupils for the spring season. Please come Sunday mornings or daily afternoons after 3:30, or phone our principal, Rabbi Reichel, if you wish any advice regarding your child's religious school problem.

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Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late Director, Bernard Lax.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Jules Shaftan upon the passing of his son, Commander Kenneth Shaftan, U.S.N.R.

OUR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS WITH DINNER MAY 5 IN HONOR OF OUR VICE-PRESIDENT AARON WARTELS

The West Side Institutional Synagogue will launch its 1953 campaign on behalf of the UJA on Tuesday, May 5th, 6 P.M. at the Esplanade Hotel, 74th Street and West End Avenue with a dinner for our vice president Aaron Wartels.

Aaron "Pop" Wartels, vice president of the synagogue, will be honored at the dinner by his fellow members for his long and distinguished career of service in behalf of the Jewish people and the W.S.I.S.

In this period of danger and uncertainty for thousands of Jews overseas and of severe crisis in Israel, it is imperative that everyone of us voice his support for the life-saving work of the United Jewish Appeal. The best way to do this is by attending the dinner, and we hope that you and every member of the Synagogue who sympathizes with the Jewish people overseas in their difficulties and sufferings will take advantage of this oppor-

tunity to help them.

In 1953 UJA must bring a great many Jews to Israel and freedom from danger zones in Eastern Europe; care for 11,000 handicapped emigrants in Israel by expanding medical institutions for their treatment; strengthen Israel's economy by creating 100 new agricultural settlements, developing 396 established colonies and building a great many housing units.

At our UJA dinner, May 5th, no one will be forced to pledge more than he can afford to give. Please remember, we are counting on you. Kindly telephone or write now so that we can make the proper reservation for you. Israel is calling her brothers, and she expects each and every one of us to do our duty.

Make your reservations promptly, bearing in mind that ladies are invited to be present.

JACOB KAPLAN, Chairman

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

We are happy to learn of the vicarious honor that we have achieved by virtue of the appointment of Larry Kobrin, of our editorial staff, as associate editor of the Columbia University Spectator . . .

At our last Shabbos morning services we were honored in having as our guest speaker, Rabbi Harris Swift, chief Rabbi of the province of Durban in the Union of South Africa, who delivered a most illuminating discourse on some of the work of the projected World Academy for Higher Jewish Studies, of which our beloved Rabbi Goldstein is a chairman of the board . . . At the services Chel Hamoed Shabbos Gabriel F. Goldstein chanted Shir Hashirim (Song of Songs) in his usual inimitable manner . . . Our heartiest welcome back home from an army base in Japan to Capt. and Mrs. Frank E. Fink, who, before leaving us again for Texas, were among the worshippers at our Passover morning services; from Israel and Europe to Director and Mrs. Harry Appel; from Florida to Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Mrs. Annie Dworkin and her son, Ben, Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goidel, Director and Mrs. Edward Jacobs . . . Bon Voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pincus and daughter, Joyce, who left for Florida. . . . The host at the weekly afternoon Seuda Shlishith tomorrow will be Abraham Eisenman, in loving memory of his mother's Yahrzeit . . .

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kaminsky, and to all parties concerned, upon the **marriage** of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Henry Hitz; and to our 1st Vice-President Aaron Wartels and Mrs. Annie Mirken, the grandparents, upon the **betrothal** of their grandson, Alan, son of our Director and Mrs. Harry Mirken, to Barbara Richman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Richman . . . **Wedding anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fischer and to Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Reich . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Mrs. Daniel Arch, Saul I. Beck, Steven Joseph Charney, Lenore E. Druckman, Leonard Feinstein, Jeanne Ellen Finkelstein, Mrs. Philip Gertner, Bambi Gross, Jimmy Herlands, Israel Kestenbaum, Mrs. Max E. Sanders and Benjamin Shapiro. **Get Well Wishes** to our member Benjamin Spanbock, and to Mrs. Jeanette Karp . . . Remember the Women's League Thrift Sale.

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or without special sanction. Arabs are not permitted to enter Israel, nor are Israelis permitted to enter Transjordan, but the proximity of these two hostile peoples is so close that it is almost frightening.

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On our way home, our chauffeur became reminiscent and gave us some interesting side-lights on the nerve-racking occurrences during the period of the siege of Jerusalem, which took place less than 5 years ago. He said that whatever the Israelis accomplished in the beginning was the result solely of miracles because their arms and ammunition were absolutely negligible when the Arabs attacked them with full force. After the first 30 days of bombing there were two weeks of quiet. This gave the Israeli government an opportunity to import cannons. From that time on the Israeli soldiers started to take one place after another from the Arabs. They were on the verge of taking the Old City when they were ordered to stop, by the United Nations. This is something which the Israeli soldiers regret to this day.

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