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THE NUMBER ONE RELIGIOUS PROJECT IN OUR COMMUNITY

The twelfth annual dinner of the Manhattan Day School will be held on **Sunday Evening, November 27th**, at the Hotel Pierre.

This all-day school, the only one of its kind on the West Side, offers children from 3 to 15 a well-rounded program of Jewish and secular studies. It aims not only to impart knowledge but also to cultivate an appreciation of Jewish religious values and traditions. The curriculum of general studies meets the Board of Education requirements. Both in method and content, the program is geared to the newest trends in pre-school, elementary and Junior High School education.

Attendance at this Dinner can be your way of saying that you support the school wholeheartedly.

Reservations and inquiries should be directed to our own 1st Vice President Samuel W. Siegel, who is President of the school, or to Mr. Jerry Cohen, Executive Director, Manhattan Day School, 110 Manhattan Avenue, New York 25, N.Y. Phone MOnument 2-9504. Among the officers of the Manhattan Day School, are our own President Lester Udell and our Directors Siegfried Bendheim and Harold Kaplan.

We hope that you will make your reservations promptly.



Music Lessons

Music lessons for our Hebrew School pupils will begin on Wednesday, November 2nd. There is no charge for same.

Sunday Kindergarten

There are several openings in our Kindergarten, which meets Sunday mornings from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Have your children take advantage of our model kindergarten, where play and the knowledge of simple fundamental concepts of our religion are combined.

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* Do you understand your medical benefits?

The Buddy Friedman Post #297 of the Jewish War Veterans is here to advise you and assure you of your rights.

Be our guest at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 8:30 P.M. at the W.S.I.S.

Marvin Padawer
Commander

ARE YOU A BIT RUSTY IN YOUR HEBREW?

Here's Your Chance

Classes in Hebrew for Adults — Beginners and Intermediate levels — will be conducted in our Laymen's Institute in our Synagogue.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning November 2nd. There is a nominal registration fee of \$3.00 for the entire season. College students, gratis.

Schedule of Courses

Tuesday, 8 P.M.

Professor Hoenig's lecture series on Jewish Classics and current events.

Wednesday, 7 P.M.

Beginners Hebrew Class

Wednesday, 8:15 P.M.

Intermediate Hebrew Class

Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class

Saturday Afternoons (see prayer schedule for time).

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class in English

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class in Yiddish

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class in English

1955 Israel Diary

By Mrs. Goldstein

Monday, May 30, 1955

We had a wonderful Sheuvous. A holiday atmosphere was in the air for a few days before Sheuvous. Wherever you went, in the streets of Jerusalem, you saw groups of children all heading for the Jewish Agency's immense rectangular courtyard, where rehearsals were being held, regularly, for the monster Hag Habikurim (First-Fruit Holiday) Celebration, which took place the day

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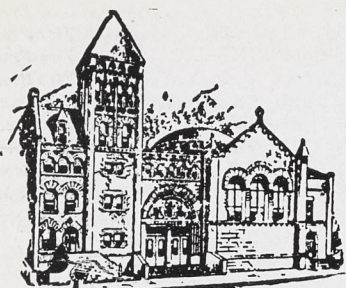
The W.S.I.S. Mr. and Mrs. League
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FRIDAY EVENING FORUM

This evening, Friday, October 28

8:45 o'clock at the Synagogue

Come and Bring your Friends



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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise — The 148th Psalm

This Psalm is an invitation by the Psalmist to the entire creation to join in a Chorus of praise to G-d. Viewing the cosmos in its entirety, the Psalmist falls into rhapsody of enthusiasm and declares that in his thorough inspection of all things he found ample evidence of G-d's existence and His immensity. All seasons, all places, are testimony of His existence and His attributes. In fact, there is no place or condition without God's Providence being patent.

"PRAISE YE THE LORD FROM THE HEAVENS"

In the nineteenth Psalm (verse 2) King David declared "The heavens declare the glory of God." Here, in our Psalm, the different bodies in heaven and earth, yea, the whole universe (supernatural and natural),

celestial and terrestrial are all called upon to praise G-d, namely the angels, the sun and moon, the stars, the heavens and the waters above the heavens, as we read in verse 5.

"FOR HE COMMANDED AND THEY WERE CREATED."

They thank G-d, that they were created. Through them, G-d can be understood (as the Creator, First Cause, etc.).

"HE HATH ALSO ESTABLISHED THEM FOREVER AND EVER: HE HATH MADE A DECREE WHICH SHALL NOT PASS."

In other words, all the miracles that were performed, as for instance, when Moses split the sea, or when the sun stood still for Joshua, they were performed for hours, and then they (the sea and the moon), went back to their original functions, and the natural order of the Universe continued on.

"PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE EARTH, YE SEA-MONSTERS AND ALL DEEPS."

Now the earthly creatures are called in to praise G-d. But this is not limited to the animate, but to the inanimate creatures as well, namely,

"FIRE, AND HAIL; SNOW AND VAPORS, STORMY WIND FULFILLING HIS WORD."

The inanimate, fire, hail, snow, vapor, etc. carry out G-d's mission. Fire destroys, but in the case of Chananiah, Michael and Azariah, in the fiery furnace,—they were unhurt, and caused the name of G-d to be praised. As to "hail" not all of the hail, involved in the plague of the hail was consumed, (see Exodus 9:33), "And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the Lord; and the thunders and hail ceased." . . . And remained to complete its task in the days of Joshua, as we read in Joshua 10:11, "And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth-horon, that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died; there were more who died with the hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the

sword. The word קִיטוֹר is translated as either "vapor" or "smoke." It is interesting to note, that for all benedictions we used the word בּוֹרָא "Boh-ray "He creates", but in regard to water we do not say בּוֹרָא שֶׁהָכֵל but שֶׁהָיָה "Sheha-Kohl". "All came to pass by His word," because, speech brings forth vapor,—water. This is noted most clearly in the winter, when we speak, smoke, or vapor, comes forth from the mouth, which against glass, will evaporate into water. See Psalm 33:6. "By the word of the Lord, were the heavens made, etc." Therefore, for the blessing for water, we do not say בּוֹרָא but נִהְיָ "that all was created בְּדַבְּרוֹ "by His word" "The Torah depicts, many a thought in the language of man" (Talmud Berachos 36).

Our Women's League

ANNUAL LUNCHEON IS ON ITS WAY



Mrs. Eddie Schreiber
Chairman

The members of the Women's League are deeply immersed in exciting and elaborate plans for their outstanding Annual Luncheon to be held Monday, December 12, 1955, in the Sert Room of the Waldorf Astoria.

Mrs. Eddie Schreiber, is the capable Chairman, diligently working to assure our members and their friends of a beautiful successful



Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel
Associate Chairman

luncheon. She is fortunate in having the constant cooperation of her Associate Chairman, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, who has successfully chaired so many of our past luncheons.

Sale of one subscription book, or \$15.00 will enable you to join in the fun. We hope that as many of our women as possible will be able to join us. Let's make this a "100% affair."

REMEMBER OUR MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, November 21, 12 o'clock, at the Franconia

Pay your dues now so you can be our guest at this delightful luncheon

Mrs. Joseph Klein
Co-Chairman

Mrs. Edward Jacobs
Chairman

What's Cooking Girls?

Complying with repeated requests a TEEN-AGE Cooking Class will be given in our Synagogue.

Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Chef Par Excellence, will be on hand to help those interested in learning how to cook and bake like mother — or should we say like grandma?

All teen-age girls are invited to participate in making gefilte fish, blintzes, baking Chalah, and many other things with us. Mrs. Kaplan will endeavor to demonstrate the "know-how" of as many Jewish dishes as are requested.

Time and place will be arranged to suit the convenience of the majority. Please contact the Synagogue, TR 7-8281, so that you may take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the Kiddush of our Junior Congregation this Saturday morning, our young people will sing "Happy Birthday" to our pupils who celebrate their natal days during the months of September and October: George Burak, Robert Curtis, Richard Epstein, Barbara Gluck, David Heiser, Judy Heitlinger, Richard Kahn, Madi Jo Lowenthal, Nathan Mire, Stephen Pomerantz, Fred Preiser, Steven Radwan, Eric Robespierre, Amy Rubio, Samson Sassoon, Richard Spatz, Marcia Tum-powsky and Debora Wollowitz.

Junior Congregation Services begin at 10:30 o'clock. Gifts will be distributed to the celebrants, with the good wishes of our P.T.A. Our Rabbi will bless the children at the close of our Service.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Cheshvan 12

Light candles before5:38

Evening service5:50

Saturday, Cheshvan 13

Weekly portion: Lech L'cha

Gen. 12:1-17:27 Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Morning service9:00

Junior congregations10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten

(children 4 to 6)10:30

Mishna and Talmud Classes4:15

Mincha service5:15

Reader of Torah: Elliot Lebowitz

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath terminates6:28

Sunday, Cheshvan 14

Morning services7:15, 8:00, 9:00

Daily Services

Morning6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha4:45

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

The congregation regaled itself at the lavish Bar Mitzvah party that our Cantor and Mrs. Zalman Yavneh tendered at our last Shabbos services . . . We were happy to have with us our neighbor, Rabbi Naphthali Carlebach . . . Good to see Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shapiro in for a visit from Massachusetts . . . Strolling along Broadway the other day we had the unusual good fortune of bunking into our beloved President Lester Udell, who, in a reminiscent mood held us fascinated with the story of the growth of our Institution from a mere handful of men back in 1937 to its present position of world-wide prominence. The President during all these years, and we pray for many many more years to come, is the very same Lester Udell . . . The host at our weekly Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Nat Lebowitz . . . Our good wishes to our Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort who have gone back to their California home . . . We were glad to see Mrs. Isaac Perlman back after her recent illness . . . All best wishes to Mrs. Elsie Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Gazriel Neustadter the grandparents, and to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Neustadter, the parents, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Stanley Elia . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pretner, upon the **engagement** of their daughter Marilyn, to Harry Skolnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Skolnick; to Second Vice President and Mrs. Max Moskowitz upon the **birth** of Jules Jeff to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Moskowitz; and to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sassoon, upon the **birth** of a daughter Arlene . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jules Citron, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Feinstein, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiedler, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kantrowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler . . . Many Happy Returns to their **Natal Days** to Arthur M. Aibinder, Mrs. Irving Bellsey, Mrs. Sam Ehrman, Daniel Epstein, Roy Hines, Howard L. Horowitz, Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, Mrs. Arline Padawer, Mrs. Sol Redlich, Sanford Solarz, Mrs. Frank L. Taks and Samuel Tessler.

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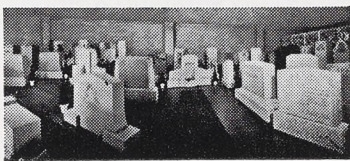
before Sheuvouth. Every child brought something as a first fruit offering, whether it was a plum, a cucumber or a carrot. All the fruits were put on display and sold to the parents of the children. The proceeds were donated to the Jewish National Fund. This is a revival of the custom of the days of the Temple, when everybody brought something to the Temple, on Erev Sheuvouth, as their first fruit offering.

Yesterday morning we left the house bright and early, by car, for our first trip out of Jerusalem this season. The view from the circuitous picturesquely constructed road leading down from the mountains on which the city of Jerusalem lies, is as breath-taking in its beauty as ever. Thousands of new little trees (saplings) have been planted since last year and it is always interesting to note the steady growth, each year, of trees planted in previous years.

There is a striking increase in the amount of cultivated land, which was once as barren as a desert. Foods of all kinds is very plentiful now, but the prices are high. Vast stretches of similarly planted, and sown fields, such as grape-arbors, orange, lemon and fig tree orchards, wheat and vegetable plantations, etc. give a most aesthetic and symmetrical appearance.

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Enroll your sons and daughters in a Jewish School at an early age!
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TUESDAY NIGHT —
LADIES NIGHT
AT THE W.S.I.S.

Starting November 1st at 8 P.M., Ruth Kessler will lead a weekly informal program designed for your relaxation. This will include dancing, exercise, etc.

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