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Director Joseph Settel is Named Guest of Honor For This Year's Synagogue United Jewish Appeal Dinner

AFFAIR OPENING W.S.I.S. CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 9



Mr. Joseph Settel

We are happy to announce that our Director Joseph Settel has been named the guest of honor for this year's United Jewish Appeal Dinner. The dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, May 9, 1956, and will mark the opening of our congregation's great effort on behalf of this important activity.

On page 3 of this week's Review,

you will find a message of importance on the United Jewish Appeal from our synagogue's UJA chairman, Director Jacob Kaplan. We are sure, however, that our readers need but little reminder of the importance of this communal effort of American and world Jewry. We hope that as large a representation of our congregation as possible will be present at the forthcoming Dinner.

MEN'S CLUB TO HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting of our Men's Club will be held this Monday evening, April 16, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, Mr. Fred Heiser, President of the Club announced. Reports on the various activities of the Club will be offered, including the Welfare Fund, the recent Sunday Breakfast, and the Men's Club Sabbath. In addition, the first nominations for the officers of the club for the ensuing year will be made.

Hope for 100% Congregational Participation In This Year's Souvenir Album Effort

Volume to be Presented to "Man of the Year"

STAMP CLUB TO MEET

Under the leadership of its President, Mr. Jacob Goldberg, our Stamp Club will hold its regular meeting this Monday evening, at 7:30 P.M. Philatelists, both young and old, are urged to attend.

Congregational participation by all is the goal of the Album Committee for 1956. In honoring this year's Man of the Year, Vice-President Max Moskowitz, the committee hopes that the Album drive will receive the cooperation of all our worshippers and friends. The ideals and work for which Mr. Moskowitz stands can surely provide a "rallying point" for the work of the entire congregation, and as you will agree, "service merits recognition."

Our Album Chairman, Director Herman H. Cohen, has emphasized that our readers should not wait until they are contacted by the Committee. Many have already inserted their greetings in the Album and the Synagogue Office stands ready to accept all greetings or to assist in whatever way it can the solicitation of greetings from business or personal associates. "Don't wait until we contact you," said Mr. Cohen. "We need the active support of every member of our congregational family to make this year's Album the success it should and must be. Contact our Synagogue Office yourself — today."

Our Annual Memorial Services

for the departed whose plaques are on the
Memorial Tablet in our Synagogue

will be held on

Monday evening, April 23, at 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Goldstein will officiate, assisted by

Rabbi Reichel and Cantor Yavneh

Special Memorial Prayers will be offered



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(To be continued)

PROFESSOR HOENIG'S CLASS

Will Meet

Wednesday, April 18 —
 at 8:00 P.M.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Blessings Before The 'Shma'

"FOR HE ALONE PERFORMETH MIGHTY ACTS."

By bringing forth the sun

"AND MAKETH NEW THINGS"

By making the New Moon each month

"HE IS THE LORD OVER WARS"

This refers to the history of the world. Man WRITES history, and writes it poorly (wars, etc.), but G-d, in His mercy, RIGHTS history after man has failed.

"HE SOWETH RIGHTEOUSNESS . . . MERCY . . . HEALING"

Man of War is not His particular function. It is rather as we say further in our prayer, as "a sower of righteousness, a grower of salvation, a Creator of Healing." In other words as we read further, "He is revered in praises". The prayer stops at attempting to give more praise, for

as we read further, "He is revered of Wonders." Therefore, as we read in Psalm 106, verse 2, "Who can proclaim all His praise". Here our prayer speaks of G-d's "righteousness, salvation, and healing" as an antithesis of the description of G-d as the Ruler of Wars.

"IN HIS GOODNESS RENEWETH THE CREATION EVERY DAY."

Note that above in this paragraph the verb used, is in the PRESENT tense, *יושה* "who maketh" new things, not that He has made, but He maketh — in the living present. Here also, G-d daily makes creation anew. He has not created the world, as some of the philosophers would have us believe, and then, let it get out of hand — No — In His goodness He reneweth the Creation daily and perpetually. Creation never ceases. There always appear new forms of life, never seen before.

Many an island is emerging to dot the sea, where it had never been before.

G-d in His goodness renews the creation of the world, for if He were to insist on strict Justice, this world would have been destroyed long ago.

Here too, we follow the pattern of Psalm 19, describing first the brilliance and magnificence of the sun, and then place besides it a description of the perfection of the Torah and how it surpasses the physical.

"CAUSE A NEW LIGHT TO SHINE UPON ZION".

The light treasured for the righteous. The coming of this era of light is inseparably linked with Zion, the place from which the light of the moral and ethical perfection of mankind, emanates to illuminate the world. (Munk "The World of Prayer").

"WITH GREAT LOVE".

Just as we thanked G-d for the physical light in His creation of the world, we thank Him now with profound love for His spiritual light — the Torah. This light we pray will emanate from Zion and shed its lustre all over the world. We pass now from a blessing for Creation, to a blessing for the Torah — (The revealed word of G-d, the Light of the World to Israel) — and for His love in choosing us to proclaim His Unity in "Hear O Israel the Lord our G-d, the Lord is One", which starts the next prayer and declaration. Next to the Creation of the world, G-d chose Israel, to entrust to it His Law — The Holy Torah. Israel uttered as the Talmud points out, (see Sabbath 88 a) those an-

gelic words — "Na-ahse V'nishman" — "We will do and then we will inquire". The natural human reply would be "first let us inquire, what it is all about, — what is in the Torah (as the other nations replied). Then we will be in a position to give a proper answer." Israel first accepted G-d's offer, and then studied it. Israel has since been a most faithful custodian of the Law.

This prayer is overflowing with love — G-d's love for Israel — and our love and appreciation for giving us the Torah. There is no material consideration. It is only an exultant spiritual love. The prayer begins and ends with the word "LOVE".

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Dr. Henry Raphael Gold, upon the passing of his brother, **Rabbi Wolf Gold**, in Jerusalem;

And to Mr. Paul Englander, upon the loss of his father, **Rudolf Englander**.

We pray that the Almighty may spare them from further sorrow for many years to come.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of a monument in memory of Mrs. Henrietta Pargament, beloved wife of our member Mr. Meyer Pargament, and sister of our Director Joseph Sittel, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg, Mr. Ben Sittel, and Dr. Nathan Sittel will take place Sunday, April 15th, at Mt. Judah Cemetery, at 1:30 P.M.

WORLD ACADEMY DINNER

This Sunday Night, April 15

Hotel Waldorf Astoria

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Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein,
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mr. Louis I. Glickman,
Chairman, Dinner Committee

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Iyar 2

Light candles before6:13
Evening service6:25
Mr. Kestenbaum's Chumosh
Class8:30
Count Omer 18 tonight

Saturday, Iyar 3

Weekly portion: Tazreeah-Metzorah

Leviticus 12:1-15:33 Isaiah 66:1-24
Morning services9:00
Junior Congregations10:30
Chazanim: Seymour Klein,
Michael Rosenberg

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) ...3:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ...4:50

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class4:50

Mincha5:50

Sayings of the Fathers - Chapter II

Reader of Torah: James Herlands

Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath terminates7:04

Sunday, Iyar 4

Morning service7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Daily Services

Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha6:25

Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

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Give in 1956 more than you gave before.

Give — in addition, with all your generosity, with all your heart to help raise the Special Survival Fund needed to rescue 45,000 imperilled North African Jews for resettlement in Israel.

Jacob Kaplan, Chairman

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Men's Club is unique among organizations of that type, in that it not only has great talent for successfully putting over social and philanthropic affairs, but has an extraordinary ability to conduct Sabbath services with inspiration and dignity — as witness, its manner of conducting our last week Sabbath services . . . The hosts at the kid-dush tendered by the Men's Club following the services who provided the "spiritual" refreshments were Messrs. William Foont, Jacob Goldberg, Fred Heiser, Morris Jablow, Isidor Lauer, Jess Ward and Andrew Weiss . . . As usual, Gabriel F. Goldstein, son of our beloved Rabbi and Rebetzin Goldstein, chanted with deep feeling and clarity the Sheer Ha-Sheerem at our Sabbath Pass-over Chol Hamoed Services . . . Happy vacationing in Israel to Mr. Abraham Krumbein, and in Haiti to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spiro, and in Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gertner . . . Happy to have home from Florida Mr. and Mrs. Aladar Bernath, Mr. Nathan Heilbronner, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Karpf, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter and Mr. Isidore Ratzersdorfer . . . Our Congregational citation of merit, to our Assistant Editor, Lawrence Kobrin, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kobrin, upon being elected to the Administrative Board of the Columbia Law Review to serve as Decisions Editor . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Director and Mrs. Jess Ward in honor of their anniversary . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Isaac Perlman . . . We are indeed proud that our Congregational family is making such a solid contribution to the increase of the Jewish population. Mazel tov and all best wishes to Director and Mrs. Isaac Goldman, upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goldman; to Mrs. Morris Kletter upon the birth of Michael Joshua, to her children Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kletter; to Mr. Nathan Schupf, the great-grandfather, and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein, the grandparents, upon the birth of Jonathan, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. David M. Durst.

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Birthday Greetings

April

- 13—Emanuel Yavneh
- 15—Director George L. Livingston
- 16—Stuart Kreisman
- 17—Mrs. Philip Gertner
Dan Gribetz
- 18—Mrs. Sadie Feuerlicht
Lisa Anne Liebergall
Benjamin Shapiro
- 19—Saul J. Beck
Lenore E. Druckman
Mrs. Max E. Sanders

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

- 14—Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fischer
- 16—Mr. & Mrs. Max Dabek
Dir. & Mrs. Jess E. Ward
- 17—Mr. & Mrs. Harold N. Reich
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Israel Diary

Friday, July 1, 1955

Jerusalem's population is divided into 2 classes — Those who are progressive and who are going forward simultaneously with the striking industrial and economic development of the City, and the other is made up of those who are living in a state of inertia making no progress in any direction and holding on to everything that is outmoded, in their homes, their way of living and their manner of raising their children, whom they feel the community is obligated to support. Their extreme religiosity is not responsible for their abject poverty. This is borne out by the fact that there are some very religious people in the 1st class, who are not only self-supporting, but even comfortable — who give, rather than take charity.

Sunday, July 3, 1955

Just got back from a visit to the office of the Saar Hasaad — Minister of Social Welfare, and I am very happy. I had heard that this department distributed toys, without any charge, to Institutions, and immediately got an appointment, through one of Dad's friends here, with the head of that department. I asked him for toys for the 50 little ones, under six years old at the W. S. I. S. Children's Village, and, I got a promise for an ample supply to be sent there, shortly.

Friday, July 15, 1955

This morning Mr. David Wilk — Head of the Police Force of the City of Jerusalem (who happens to be a nephew of Mr. Sydney — the life member of our Synagogue) and Mr. Cooper, Inspector of the land in the Jerusalem Corridor and overseer of the planting and development projects of the Jewish National Fund, called for dad and me, with a car and took us to see two Kibbutzim and a Convalescent Home, which we had not seen, as yet, in our many visits to Israel.

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