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THE UJA DINNER ON MAY 9

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W.S.I.S. Dinner To Begin UJA Campaign Will Honor Director Joseph Settel; Affair To Take Place On Wednesday, May 9, At Hotel Esplanade

There is a duty upon the shoulders of every one of our readers and friends to attend an important event on Wednesday evening, May 9. The event is our synagogue's dinner on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal campaign. This year, Director Joseph Settel, will be the guest of honor at the dinner which will be held at the Hotel Esplanade, 305 West End Avenue.

Reservations for both men and women may be made by contacting our Synagogue Office, Mr. Jacob Kaplan, the campaign chairman, or Mr. Herman H. Cohen, the co-chairman. We hope to hear from as large a number as possible in the next few days, assuring us of their support and presence.

Elsewhere in this Review there appears a message of timeliness and interest regarding the urgency of this year's UJA campaign. Beneficiary agencies of the United Jewish Appeal are the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, New York Association for New Americans, National Jewish Welfare Board and the American Jewish Congress. In its 1956 campaign, New York UJA aims to raise the metropolitan area's proportion of \$109,205,000 needed by these agencies for worldwide welfare programs serving more than half a million Jews in need and danger, as well as the

local share of national UJA Special Survival Fund to finance absorption in Israel of emergency immigration from North Africa now proceeding at the rate of 1,000 refugees a week.

The honorary chairmen of our Synagogue's campaign are Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and President Lester Udell. In addition to Mr.

LAG B'OMER

This Sunday marks the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer. There are several events historically connected with this day and for that reason, certain special customs have grown up about the day.

Many sad events have taken place in Jewish history during the period between Passover and the Feast of Weeks, known as the Omer. For that reason, this period is observed as a period of semi-mourning with all public festivities forbidden.

On the thirty-third day of the counting of the Omer, equivalent in Hebrew to the Hebrew letters, 'lag,' several significant events occurred.

Origins of the celebration

Bar Kochba defeated the Romans on that day in his unsuccessful revolt (132-35 C.E.)

During that same period, a plague broke out which raged among the
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Kaplan and Mr. Cohen, the following are serving as associate chairmen of our drive:

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MRS. GEORGE LIVINGSTON TO BE HOSTESS TO WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD



Mrs. George L. Livingston

Mrs. George L. Livingston will be the hostess to the entire Executive Board of the Women's League at her home, 146 Central Park West, on Monday, April 30, at 12:30 noon.

The Luncheon will be a "bon voyage" party for our beloved Rebbetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, who is sailing shortly for Israel, with our revered Rabbi.

All the members of the Board are urged to attend the luncheon and meeting.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Blessings Before The 'Shma'

"TO LEARN AND TO TEACH".

We are not to be smugly satisfied with ourselves with our learning, but we are to spread it for the betterment of the Jew and the world.

"TO FULFILL IN LOVE ALL THE WORDS OF INSTRUCTION IN THY TORAH".

We pray both for the love of the Torah, and its fulfillment (see Talmud Nedorim 62a).

The word Talmud here, as expressed in our clause may refer to "all of the words of the Talmud" concerning G-d's Law.

"ENLIGHTEN OUR EYES".

Our love calls for the deepest perception. May we not only be able to perceive the lines, but also understand what is between the lines, the spirit as well as the Law.

"AND LET OUR HEARTS CLEAVE TO THY COMMANDMENTS AND UNIFY OUR HEARTS TO LOVE AND FEAR THY NAME".

To love and fear may be regarded as two conflicting emotions. The greater the love of G-d, ("and thou shalt love the Lord thy G-d with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might," Deut.) the greater the fear of doing wrong.

"SO THAT WE MAY NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME".

Our prayer exhorts for singlemindedness — complete sincerity. Thus the Psalmist proclaimed "Let my heart be undivided in Thy statutes, in order that I may not be put to shame — Psalm 119, verse 80.

"O BRING US FOR PEACE FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD".

This and the following we are beginning to realize in our day, — the beginning of the redemption, — to amalgamating people from all corners of the earth, of different colors, of strange languages and customs, into one united nation. The task requires the prayer for help of G-d. With G-d's help, we shall accomplish this stupendous task — Note that the Hebrew word is לשלום not בשלום. It is wrongly translated "in peace" — it should be translated "for peace".

WELCOME TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATION'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the Kiddush of our Senior and Junior Congregations this Saturday morning, all the youthful congregants will sing "Happy Birthday" to their school mates who celebrate their natal days during the month of April. We also add our good wishes to: Risa Diana Bisgeier, Eudis Cohen, Irving Faüst, Eleanor Gershgorin, Marilyn Graber, Gerry Susan Gursky, Robert Loft and Karen Trachtenberg.

Junior Congregation Services begin at 10:30 o'clock. Presents will be distributed to the celebrants, with the good wishes of our P.T.A.

We hope to greet all the celebrants and their parents this Saturday morning.

Lag B'Omer

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disciples of Rabbi Akiva. Many thousands are said to have perished until the plague ceased on the 33rd day of the Omer.

The students then returned to Rabbi Akiva to resume their studies, which had been prohibited during the plague. This day is therefore known as the "Scholars' Festival" and is a memorial not to depart from the teaching of the Torah.

The 33rd day of the Omer is also celebrated as the birthday and Yahrzeit of Rabbi Simeon ben Yochai, to whom tradition ascribes the authorship of the Cabbalistic book "Zohar." In Israel, many thousands make the pilgrimage to his grave to pray on this day.

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Tickets are now available through our Synagogue Office for the annual outing to a Baseball game, sponsored by our Men's Club. The game to be attended this year will be a Giant-Brooklyn game at the Polo Grounds on Sunday afternoon, May 27.

Those attending will have a double opportunity: they will witness the longstanding borough feud, and at the same time help to support the various communal and philanthropic functions — such as the successful Father and Son Minyan and Breakfast — undertaken by our Men's Club.

We hope that as many as possible will attend this important and enjoyable event.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Max Selsky, upon the passing of her mother, **Bella Saleski**; and to Mrs. Elizabeth K. Wechsler, member of our Women's League, and to our member Mr. Benjamin Kass upon the passing of their brother, **Henry Kass**.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Iyar 16
Light candles before6:27
Evening service6:30
Count Omer to-night: 32
Mr. Kestenbaum's Chumosh
Class9:00

Saturday, Iyar 17
Weekly portion: Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Ezekiel 44:15-31
Morning service9:00
Junior congregations10:30
Sabbath kindergarten10:30
Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) ...3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ...5:00
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class5:00
Mincha6:00
Reader of Torah: Albert Schmeidler
Reader of Service: Herschel Gold
Ethics of the Fathers — Chapter 4
The Sabbath terminates7:15

Sunday, Iyar 18 — Lag B'Omer
Morning services7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Daily Services
Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha7:40
Followed by the explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

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ISRAEL OFFICIAL URGES AMERICAN JEWS TO HELP SAVE ISRAEL

Dr. Josephthal, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, in one of the finest statements yet heard by American Jews since the start of the present emergency, said:

"The Communists are delivering \$250,000,000 worth of arms to Egypt. Does anyone think that the Egyptians are getting arms from the Communists in order to fight Communists?"

"We in Israel are far from panic-stricken, but there is a feeling of loneliness," he continued. "We turn to the Jews of the world and we are sure there will be a response."

Here, Dr. Josephthal disclosed that Israel requires also \$50,000,000 for the non-military protection of its civilian population, and listed the following needs for which it is short of funds:

- (1) the stockpiling of foods and fuel in the event Israel is cut off or its internal communications are disrupted;
- (2) the building of auxiliary power stations and their dispersal throughout the country to augment existing facilities, and;
- (3) the construction of air-raid shelters by the thousands in cities, villages and agricultural settle-

ments, many of the latter in tense border areas.

He pointed out that last year Israel took in 30,000 men, women and children from turbulent Morocco and Tunisia. This year (the Hebrew calendar year 5716) a minimum of 45,000 are scheduled to arrive.

"Believe me when I tell you that we do not need this immigration for extra-military manpower," he emphasized. "In some ways, it is a burden. The new immigrant from these primitive countries does not yet have the psychological predisposition for quick adjustment to life in Israel or to the discipline of our army, and he does not yet know our language. But we decided that we must help these men, women and children to come from North Africa now."

Our Synagogue is asking you to help the United Jewish Appeal. Our dinner to raise money for our Jews in Israel will take place on May 9, at the Esplanade Hotel. The guest of honor is our friend and colleague, Mr. Joseph Settel. Will you please advise me that you and your wife will attend. Many thanks.

Jacob Kaplan, Chairman

GETTING PERSONALby **Sanford Solarz**

We warmly welcome into our congregational family the following new members. Messrs. Moses Efraim Bergman, Leon Harvey, Benjamin Kass, Louis Levine, Arthur Simon and Dr. Anna Sondheimer-Friedman. Hope to see them all buzzing in and around our synagogue house sucking of the honey of our many religious, educational and social activities . . . Happy to have as new settlers in our neighborhood Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grinberg . . . Bon voyage to Director and Mrs. Henry Hirsch on their trip to Europe . . . All best wishes to Mr. Herbert Monte Levy in his new law offices in New York and Washington . . . Our congregational citation of merit to our Director Abraham M. Druckman who received the medallion award for Membership Achievement, from the American Jewish Congress at its recent Biennial Convention, and also upon his election as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Congress . . . Happy to have at our last Sabbath morning services, Mr. Jacob A. Klein. May he and his wife be with us for scores of years to come . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis will be Mr. Paul Garfunkel . . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Morris Hurwitz, father of our devoted Women's League Executive Board member, Mrs. Walter Freeman . . . Mazel Tov to the grandparents, our devoted President and Mrs. Lester Udell, upon the birth of a boy to their children Mr. and Mrs. Harold Udell . . .

Birthday Greetings**April**

- 12—James Herlands
27—James Barry Ostrove
Mrs. Joan H. Strausberg
Harold Udell
28—Bernard Bercu
30—Emanuel Buchalter
Mrs. Dan Gribetz
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May

- 2—Evelyn Goldstein
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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Parents may join their children at our Lag B'Omer picnic at the Riverside Drive Park on 74th Street, this Sunday morning, April 29th.

All pupils should assemble in front of our building at 9:30 A.M., this Sunday. They must have their entry blanks signed by their parents in order to participate in the tournaments and in the inter-school baseball game.

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