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We expect to see you Sunday evening

Our Benefit Opera Performance

Puccini's "La Boheme"

Metropolitan Opera House, 40th Street and Broadway

The curtain will rise at 8:15 P.M. promptly

Please note the early start of this performance

Israel Diary

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

Sunday, May 27, 1956

It is almost uncanny to see how intensively and extensively every available inch of space has been cultivated. In place of the large rocks and barren stretches which used to line the road, you now see vast plantations of fruits and vegetables of numberless varieties.

Monday, May 28, 1956

While going to town this morning, I met part of the official reception being given to the Minister of Uruguay who has come to Israel with a delegation to present his credentials to the President of Israel, Mr. Yitzchak Ben-Zvi. The following is an extract from the Jerusalem Post today:

"There will be a particularly warm welcome in the hearts of Israel citizens for Dr. Pedro Maria Di Lorenzo, the Minister from Uruguay, when he presents his letter of appointment to the President today.

"The Uruguay Government has always been particularly friendly towards Israel, and this feeling of sympathy and understanding precedes the actual establishment of the State. The positive attitude taken by the representative of that country, Dr. Enrico Fabregat, in con-

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MEN'S CLUB REGULAR MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of our Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, January 21, beginning at 8:30 P.M. in our Synagogue building. All the men of the congregation who are interested in participating in the work and activities of our Men's Club are cordially invited to attend.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

Beginning with the coming week, the Maccabees (boys and girls over the age of 13) will meet on Tuesday nights instead of Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M. Their schedule on Thursday nights at the gymnasium will remain the same.

The next meeting of the Teenagers will be held on Monday evening, January 21, at 8 P.M.

CELEBRATING BAS MITZVAHS

On Saturday afternoon, March 23rd, we shall celebrate the Bas Mitzvahs of the young ladies of our Congregational family who have reached their twelfth birthday during the past year. The girls who wish to participate in the program are invited to attend a meeting of the group on Sunday Morning, January 20th, at 10:30 o'clock, in Rabbi Reichel's office.

GEORGE HINDELL IS NAMED NEW VETERANS POST COMMANDER

The Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans has announced that George Hindell has been elected to fill the remaining portion of the term of Marvin Padawer as Commander of the Post. Mr. Padawer, who has been doing such a fine job leading the activities of the Post, was forced to resign when he moved to Pittsburgh. The Post announced Mr. Padawer's departure with regret inasmuch as he has been a staunch worker and excellent leader in the group's activities for the past two years.

The first problem to which the new Commander, Mr. Hindell, has said the group will turn to, is that of membership. The membership drive is extended to all the members of the W.S.I.S. congregation and family who are veterans of either World War or the Korean war.

Outlining the group's activities — which he thought would be of interest to those thinking of joining — Commander Hindell pointed to:

Work bringing some comfort and happiness to veterans still confined in hospitals from their injuries.

Efforts to eliminate bigotry from the community.

Assistance to needy families of veterans throughout the year, but particularly at holiday times.

Maintenance of the Post Blood Bank for the possible need of members and their families.

Any who are interested in joining the Post's activities or who know of any veterans eligible for membership are urged to leave their name and address at the Synagogue Office, 122 West 76th Street, for Buddy Friedman Post 297.

All the veterans of the Congregation are invited to any of the Post's meetings which take place every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 23rd at 8:30 P.M.



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COLLEGIATES

MID-WINTER REUNION

SUNDAY NIGHT

JANUARY 27 — 8:30 P.M.

Come and Bring your Friends

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ARMED FORCES OR AT COLLEGE

We would like to send the W.S.I.S. Review to your children who are serving in the Armed Forces, or who are away at College. We believe that they would welcome it because they would want to know what is happening back home and at the W.S.I.S.

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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemonah Esreh

On the **Fast of Tisha B'Av** conclude the "Jerusalem" blessing thus,
"COMFORT, O LORD OUR G-D, THE MOURNERS OF ZION, AND THE MOURNERS OF JERUSALEM"

Zion refers to Mt. Zion, and that part of Jerusalem where the Sanhedrin met, — the religious centre of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, refers to the political centre of Jerusalem, which was outside of Mt. Zion.

"THEREFORE LET ZION WEEP BITTERLY"

The higher type people do not scream in their sorrow, but weep quietly, and mourn deeply, represented by those on Mt. Zion.

"AND JERUSALEM GIVETH FORTH HER VOICE"

The average person cries out loud, represented by those outside of Mt. Zion.

"O MY HEART, MY HEART"

Referring to the religious loss, Mt. Zion.

"MY INWARD PARTS"

Lamenting for the material loss of Jerusalem, proper.

"THE MODIM PRAYER" — "WE GIVE THANKS"

This is a prayer brimful with thanksgiving. The Hebrew word for thanks is "Toh-Daw" cognate with "Moh-De" which means "confession." In other words, when we say "thank you," whether we know it or not, we really indicate, that we confess that so and so has done us

some good for which we are to be grateful, (and never to forget it). There are many people, who hate to say "thank you" or at best say it inaudibly because they really do not want to confess the liability that goes with "thank you".

"TOH-DAW"

"Thank you" means confession. When Joshuah urged Achan to confess, he said, וְתִן תּוֹדָה "Make confession" (See Joshuah chapter 7 verse 19).

Someone has cynically, but aptly said that "gratitude" is found only in the dictionary — I have tried to impress upon my own children that when one receives a favor, he is not only to be grateful at the moment, but **never to forget it**. Gratitude is a positive commandment in Judaism (see Deuteronomy Chapter 8 verses 2 and 3).

The Rabbis say that the thanksgiving offering is to be brought when one's life has been in danger of being lost. In Psalm 107 we are given the four kinds of deliverance for which the thanksgiving offering

or prayer is to be made. In each case the verse ends with the words, "They shall praise the Lord for His kindness and for His wonderful works, for the children of men." The four letters of the Hebrew word חַיִּים "Life", each begin one of the words which indicate the four occasions for the thanksgiving offering or thanksgiving prayer. The "ches" begins the word "imprisoned" as we read in Psalm 107 "Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being **bound** in affliction and iron." The "Yud" stands for "sickness", as we read in Psalm 107 "till their soul abhorreth all manner of food and they draw near unto **the gates of death**." The second Yud begins the word "sea" as we read

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Our Women's League

CHAMISHA ASAR BISHEVAT CELEBRATION

The Women's League cordially invites all the women of our Congregation and their friends to a Chamisha Asar Bishevat celebration to be held at our Synagogue Building this Monday afternoon, Jan. 21st at 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Jakob Michael who visited Israel on a mission shortly before hostilities broke out, will give us a first hand account of the situation in the Mid-East.

Mrs. Michael Weingarten, our Program Chairman, promises us an informative and festive afternoon to commemorate Chamisha Asar Bishevat.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will again discuss Bible on the Adult level, with his usual exciting participating audience.

Come and have a cup of coffee while discussing the interesting books in our Library. If you have already borrowed one, please bring it back and exchange it for another.

Its been a long time since meetings, and we look forward to a hearty Shalom.

EXTENSION COURSES IN JEWISH STUDIES FOR TEEN-AGERS

A very vital part of our educational program for our youth concerns the teen-agers. Many young people neglect their further Jewish studies beyond Talmud Torah. Thus, at this very important time in their lives, involving their intellectual development and maturity, they are without adequate religious guidance on a formal basis.

To remedy this situation, we have arranged for two extension courses for youngsters over the age of 13. A class for the young men meets on

Monday afternoons at 5:45 P.M. in the Synagogue. Similarly, a class for the girls meets on Tuesday evenings, at the same time, 5:45 P.M. in the Synagogue building.

We hope that as many of our readers who have children in this age group or know of such youngsters will take every effort to encourage the boys and girls to attend. The time spent will certainly be worth their while and of the utmost importance to them.

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Enroll your daughter

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Shevat 16

Light candles before4:38
Evening service4:50

Saturday, Shevat 17

Yisro, Exodus 18:1-20:26
Haftorah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

Morning service9:00

Youth congregation10:00

Junior congregation10:30

Participants: Eudis Cohen, Nathan Mire, Michael Steinlauf, David Rudnick, Abraham Kraushar

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:10

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class3:10

Mincha4:10

Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter

Reader of Service: Hershel Gold

The Sabbath terminates5:29

Sunday, Shevat 18

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha4:30

Followed by the explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

STAMP CLUB TO MEET

On Monday evening, January 21, the Stamp Club will hold a meeting. The group begins its session at 7:30 P.M. and all who are interested are urged to attend this interesting activity.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

The celebration of Chamisha As-sar B'Shvat by our Hebrew School students and youth groups was made all the more enjoyable by the delectable refreshments and Israeli fruits and candies served by our Women's League. Thanks to Mrs. Mannie Alt, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee . . . Our young Maccabees, in the spirit of their famous namesake, pasted the prayer outlines in a number of our Sabbath morning prayer books, which are so helpful to those who have difficulty in following the services — for all of which, our heartfelt thanks to the young Maccabees; and to Mr. Isaac Perlman, for so fondly caring for same in the daily prayer books . . . Our Congregational citation of merit to Ronnie Kokish, upon his appointment as editor-in-chief of our teenage paper, "The Teen Times" . . . Welcome home from Florida to Mr. Frank Frohman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hofbauer and to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky and to our Treasurer and Mrs. Samuel Silver . . . Happy vacationing in the Sunshine State to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman . . . We were delighted to have at our last Sabbath morning service, Mr. Eli Michaelson, Vice-President of Mt. Eden Congregation in the Bronx . . . Our Congregational salute to Joel J. Zimmer, son of our Director Mr. Max J. Zimmer, upon his return from service with our country's Armed Forces in Korea . . . Our best wishes in their new home in Pittsburgh to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Padawer, the former being a past Commander of our Jewish War Veteran's Buddy Friedman Post. To the newly appointed Commander, Mr. George Hindell, our heartfelt congratulations . . . The hosts of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Manny and Henry Gluck . . . Happy to learn that our Director, Mr. George Pauker, has recovered from his recent illness. We are also delighted to learn that Mrs. Joseph Brand, and S. Shiras Hauer, are on the mend . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Abramson upon the birth of Mindy Sue, born to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Abramson.

BUY ISRAEL BONDS

Birthday Greetings

Jan.

- 17—Jacob Isseks
- 18—Susan Citron
Ruth Sonya Freudman
- 19—Mrs. Sondra L. Mayper
- 20—Mrs. Minette Horowitz
Sol Brandes
- 21—Beth Esther Charney
Allan Jeffrey Cohen
Mrs. Maurice Goodgold
- 22—Mrs. Sigg Eisenberg
Douglas J. Reichlin
Roy Stuart Tumpowsky
- 23—Mrs. Irving Balmuth
Emanuel Goldman
Mrs. Norman Grober
Director Jonas Leisten
Jeffrey Sheppard Yudkoff
- 24—Mrs. Jacob Kaplan

Anniversary Greetings

Jan.

- 18—Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wohl
- 23—Dr. & Mrs. Simon Dack
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert L. Ortner
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pash
Mr. & Mrs. Warren L. Schnur
- 24—Director & Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz

Prayer Book (Cont'd)

in Psalm 107 (referring to the waves of the sea) "They (the waves) mount up to the heavens, they go down to the depths — they reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end." The "mem" stands for the word meaning desert as we read in Psalm 107 "And they went astray in the wilderness in a solitary way — hungry and thirsty their soul fainted in them." The Schulchan Aruch Orach Chaim C. 219, where it gives the mnemonic device for remembering these four instances, also quotes the prayer which we say three times daily in our "Shmoneh Esray,"—"Eighteen" Benediction prayer.

Glat Kasher Luncheon Club —

The Wall Street Synagogue opened a Luncheon Club, in its new building, 47 Beekman Street, New York, near William, 2nd floor. Full luncheons, a la carte and sandwiches served Monday thru Thursday, from 11:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. Nominal prices! All friends welcome!

Israel Diary (Cont'd)

nection with the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, will be remembered. In the various situations which have come up in the United Nations since then, the firm friendship for Israel has been maintained. The strong support Israel has enjoyed from Uruguay is not surprising, as Uruguay is the most democratic of the Latin and South American republics. Moreover, the support shown then was particularly welcome as it came at a time when the isolation of Israel was at its peak and it was not the most convenient thing for any country to show us such manifest support.

"The Uruguayan Minister will open his Legation in the capital, thereby joining the select circle of diplomatic missions who take a logical and realistic attitude towards Jerusalem."

It was most thrilling and impressive to see an Israeli band and Israeli soldiers (both male and female) clothed in spick and span uniforms.

Nothing seems to be missing here which one finds in a well organized State and smoothly running Government.

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