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LAST CALL FOR YOUTH SABBATH PARTICIPANTS

The week-end of March 23rd will be dedicated to the Youth of our Congregational Family.

Young men who wish to participate as readers of a portion of the Torah, or as ushers; and our young ladies who would like to be hostesses at the kiddush following the services, are asked to write to Rabbi Reichel.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

Our Maccabees and Teen Agers will meet on the Basket Ball court of P.S. 87 on Thursday night, January 31st, at 8 o'clock. Our teenagers are cordially invited to attend the game and to get a personal glimpse of the \$100,000 Gymnasium that is made available for the use of our young people.

The Bas Mitzvah Club will meet this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in Rabbi Reichel's office.

Dr. Hoenig to Speak This Monday Evening, Reviewing Life of Greatest Commentator



Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig

This Monday evening, January 28, Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig will deliver a lecture under the auspices of our Laymen's Institute. His subject will be: "Rashi — The Commentator Par Excellence."

Both the speaker and his subject should prove to be one of utmost interest to our people.

Dr. Hoenig is no stranger to our Congregation. This is not the first time that he will be taking an active part in the activities of our adult education program. He is a Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University and is also Director of the Yeshiva University Department of Adult Education.

Our speaker is known not only for his learning but, in addition, for his stimulating and enlightening method of presentation. We are sure that all who attend will find it well worth their time.

The topic on which Dr. Hoenig will speak should be of especial interest to our readers. The commentaries of Rashi are practically a byword in every home where there is any Jewish knowledge. We are sure that Dr. Hoenig will be able to offer some interesting insights hitherto unknown.

The lecture is scheduled to start promptly at 8:30 P.M. We look forward to as large an attendance as possible.

INTERESTING SPORTS EVENT

Israel's Olympic Basketball team is scheduled to play the Yeshiva University team in Madison Square Garden on Sunday afternoon, February 3. Those of our readers who would be interested in obtaining tickets for this interesting and exciting sports event are urged to do so by contacting the Yeshiva University Athletic Association, Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street, LO 8-8400.

Reserve the date!

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NERVES? GO TO SERVICES!

A specialist in human physiology recently suggested that regular attendance at Sabbath services would tend to reduce nervous disorders created by the tempo of modern living. The suggestion was made by Dr. David I. Macht, a former member of the Johns Hopkins University medical school now engaged in medical research at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. "We know that in this era of nervous tension and accelerated tempo, the observance of the Sabbath is the best hygiene for the neuro-muscular system of the body," he told an audience recently. "If more people would observe the Sabbath . . . there probably would be less hypertension and coronary thrombosis as well as less mental diseases."

CHESS CLUB FORMING

Another addition to our varied synagogue program of social activities is under way — plans are being made for the formation of a Chess Club. All those who are interested, whether young or old, are urged to contact Rabbi Pekier.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemonah Esreh

"AND ALL THE 'LIVING' SHALL GIVE THANKS UNTO THEE."

Today since prayers have been substituted for sacrifice, if one is delivered from any of the dangerous situations, mentioned last week, it is customary for him to come to the synagogue and be called up to the Torah. After the portion has been read to him and he has pronounced the appropriate blessing he adds "the Gomayl Benediction", "Blessed art Thou O G-d, king of the universe who vouchsafest benefits unto the undeserving and who hast also vouchsafed all good unto thee, may He vouchsafe all good unto thee forever."

This thanksgiving offering is also called "peace offering", as has been indicated above in Leviticus chapter

3, verse 1. The Rabbis say that even when the Messiah will come and the kingdom of G-d will be established on earth, "when righteousness will flow like water", and people will not sin anymore, when there will be no need either for a sin or a guilt offering, yet there will always be occasions for being grateful and for offering thanks to G-d. It is for this reason that the whole conception of THANKSGIVING plays so prominent a part in our liturgy, in our theology, in our creeds and in our deeds. Hence King David sings in Psalm 50, verse 23, "whoso offereth a thanksgiving sacrifice glorifieth me."

"THE ROCK OF OUR LIVES"

This may also be translated as the "creator or fashioner of our lives". That this translation is probably correct may be seen, in the Modim of the Rabbis, where as a substitute for יוצר we have distinctly יוצרנו "Our Creator".

"FOR OUR LIVES"

Our physical lives which we turn over to G-d, every night.

"AND FOR OUR SOULS"

Which are given to G-d, to be returned to us, in their pristine purity every morning. They are part of G-d. We employ the word לך "THINE", — part of THEE.

"FOR THY MIRACLES"

Both the visible and invisible ones.

"WHICH ARE DAILY WITH US"

As a special providence.

"AND FOR THE WONDERS"

Of which we are not conscious.

"AND THY BENEFITS"

The many kindnesses which are part of our daily experience.

"O THOU WHO ART ALL GOOD"

To those who deserve it.

"WHOSE MERCIES FAIL NOT"

G-d's ways are still higher. He confers good even upon those who really do not deserve it, for He is merciful.

"WHOSE LOVING KINDNESSES NEVER CEASE"

Mercy comes to one in trouble, but lovingkindness may come to one, in any circumstance.

"THE MODIM OF THE SAGES"

This is said quietly whilst the Reader of the Service reads the regular "Modim" prayer.

This "Modim" prayer is universal. It includes G-d, as "the G-d of all flesh," and calls upon G-d who has preserved Israel thus far, to continue and father our exiles to the Holy Courts.

Our Women's League

MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN'S BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON, MONDAY, FEB. 25

All the women of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend the Children's Village Luncheon on Monday, February 25th at 12:30 o'clock in the Synagogue Building. The luncheon will honor our own Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein on the occasion of her birthday.

Keep this date open and watch this column for further details.

Israel Diary

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

Monday, May 28, 1956

I suppose you want to know what we hear in these parts, about the war situation. What we did hear the other day was an air-raid siren practice. Of course we had heard this in New York too, recently, hence it did not disturb us at all.

Of greater significance, however, is the fact that the students of all Yeshivas, — that includes schools of higher learning like ours, the Machon—are volunteering two days for work on fortifications, for defense purposes. Men in every walk of life, even judges, are doing likewise. Although there is a relief from the extreme tension of several weeks ago, when there was a feeling that war would burst out any minute, there is no sense of real insecurity in the atmosphere. Quite the reverse: The consensus of Israeli opinion seems to be, that Egypt and her Arab allies are simply waiting till they have learned how to use the war implements they have recently received. I read in the local papers that they are not learning as quickly as they thought they would.

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Left Jerusalem by car at 9 A.M. this morning. As we drove through the streets of Jerusalem, we came across Yemenite women (dressed in Oriental garb, of course) sitting on the curb of the sidewalk. They are accustomed to sitting on the floor, not on chairs, so — when they are in the street and they get tired they calmly cross their legs under them and squat down, regardless of where they are. It was fascinating to see how many types of people in varying garbs were rushing through the streets, on their way to their various destinations: 1. Men with

long beards, kapotas and long pay-oth, probably heading for the many Yeshivot which abound here. 2. Men in shorts and shirts — most likely working people. 3. Some in Khaki suits with long trousers, some in blue khaki, others in customary tan khaki — these may be store-keepers as well as business people. 4. Men and women in regular modern clothes — these probably include tourists. As far as oriental garbs are concerned, the wearers of these stay, for the most part, in the neighborhoods where Oriental groups live, but not in the business section of the city. Almost every second or third person is carrying a portfolio or "TIK" as it is called. Many working people carry their lunches this way. Others probably use their portfolios for business papers.

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Another field in which there is a striking contrast, is the many cars of all makes, intermingled with wooden carts, pulled by donkeys.

One of the things which makes Israel so interesting is the striking contrasts one sees, in every phase of life here (social, economic, cultural, etc.) between antiquity and modernity and between Eastern and Western civilizations. This is, of course, due to the mixed elements in the population.

It was interesting to note many old, dirty, neglected Arab villages replaced by countless beautiful, new little houses. Since last year, many new settlements have been established on the frontiers, so that there may be a line of protection against the constantly threatening Arab enemies.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Shevat 23

Light candles before	4:47
Evening service	5:00

Saturday, Shevat 24

Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1-24:18	
Haftorah: Jeremiah 34:8-24; 33:25-26	
Prayers for the New Month of Adar I	
Morning service	9:00
Youth congregation	10:00
Chazanim: Seymour Klein, Stanley Klein, Mervyn Lindenbaum	
Junior congregation	10:30
Participants: Kenneth Cohen, Rachel Pekier, Aaron Reichel	
Sabbath kindergarten	10:30
Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12)	3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	3:15
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class	3:15
Mincha	4:15
Reader of Torah: Lawrence Kobrin	
Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan	
The Sabbath terminates	5:38

Sunday, Shevat 25

Morning services	7:15, 8:15, 9:00
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Friday, Shevat 30 — Rosh Chodesh

Morning services	6:30, 7:30, 8:15
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Daily Services

Morning services	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha	5:00
Followed by the explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Congregation was signally honored by the attendance last Sabbath morning of Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, President of the Bar Ilan University in Israel . . . Also happy to see Sy Gluck at our Services . . . Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Paula Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldberg, upon graduating cum laude B.A. in Economics Statistics, C.C.N.Y. . . . Happy to have back from their vacations in the sunshine state, Director and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky, Mr. and Mrs. George Gold . . . Our heartiest Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our own beloved Madeline Gittler upon her marriage to Mr. William Wedeene; and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein and our Director, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shapiro . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow, will be Mr. Robert Hofbauer . . . Ye columnist was honored by the presentation to him of a wrist watch made in Israel for his services on behalf of the American Jewish Congress at ceremonies last Sunday afternoon . . . Welcome back to the States to Lt. and Mrs. Alan Hirsch and family. Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch, was stationed by the U.S. Navy in the Canal Zone . . . Our heartfelt wishes for a refuah shelamah to Mack C. Tanger . . .

Birthday Greetings

Jan.

- 25—Jack Goodman
Donald Jay Moses
Mrs. Bertha Warshauer
- 26—Julian Jay Levy
- 27—Alexander Cohen
Henry L. Kessler
- 29—Mrs. Arthur Udell
- 30—Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein
Elliot Herbert Kamerman
Maurice Linker
Aaron Israel Reichel
Laurie Sue Udell
- 31—John D. Garrett
Mrs. Leopold Hirsch
Mrs. Jules Howard

Anniversary Greetings

Jan.

- 26—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mirken
- 29—Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cohen
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Saretsky
- 30—Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg

RESERVE

SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 10th

For MR. and MRS. LEAGUE and P.T.A. SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER

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TO HOLD BANQUET

We would like to call the attention of our readers to the forthcoming 50th Anniversary Banquet of the Mesivtha Tifereth Yerushalaim. The yeshiva offers religious instruction to a student body of over 500 — the majority of whom come from the destitute lower East Side. The instruction is under the guidance of the Dean of the yeshiva, Rabbi Moses Feinstein.

Anyone interested in participating in the 50th Anniversary Banquet which is to be held shortly is urged to contact the office of the yeshiva, 141 East Broadway, Telephone WO 4-2380, or get in touch, with our Director Joseph Shapiro.

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COLLEGIATES REUNION
SUNDAY NIGHT

The first in a series of Sunday Evening Socials will be launched by our college-age young people this Sunday night, January 27th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Club Room.

A very enjoyable program has been arranged for the evening. Refreshments will also be served.

Our college-age readers are cordially invited with their friends, as are our out-of-town Collegiates who will be in the city during their mid-winter recess.

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