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HONORING MRS. GOLDSTEIN**

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## **MR. & MRS. LEAGUE**

**Post Purim Las Vegas Nite**

**Will be held on**

**Saturday night, March 30**

## **VETERANS POST TO MEET**

The regular meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans will take place this Wednesday evening, February 27, beginning at 8:30 P.M. in our Synagogue building.

Mr. George Hindel, the recently elected Commander of the Post, has urged all veterans to attend the meetings of the Post and participate in its activities. Veterans of World Wars I and II and the Korean War are eligible for membership in the organization. The group undertakes various philanthropic, patriotic, and humanitarian activities. We are sure that those who attend will find their work in this important Synagogue activity, a worthwhile and rewarding one.

## **CANTOR ZALMON YAVNEH**

### **ANNUAL MAARIV SERVICE AND CONCERT**

**Sunday evening, March 3, at 7:45 P.M.**

The Cantor will be assisted by a well known choir  
Tickets are now available at the Synagogue Office

## **Plans for Gala Purim Party on March 16 Are Progressing Under Joint Committee**

### **AFFAIR TO BE SPONSORED BY WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND MEN'S CLUB**

The plans for our gala Purim Supper and Festival are going ahead full speed! The annual Purim Party will take place this year on Saturday evening, March 16 in our Synagogue Building, and the plans being made by the joint Women's League and Men's Club committee promise to make this event one of the best we've ever had.

#### **LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES**

Many of our readers may be interested in learning that the explanation and interpretation of the Hagaddah will be featured in our Adult Hebrew courses on Wednesday nights, which are conducted by Rabbi Garfiel. Everyone is cordially invited. For further information, please call Rabbi Garfiel at TR 7-0305.

Other Laymen's Institute activities in which our readers may be interested include the two Talmud Classes in Yiddish taught by Rabbi Pekier, one on Wednesday evenings and the other Shabbos afternoon, and the Talmud class in English taught by our member, Mr. Isaac Allen which also takes place on Shabbos afternoon.

We hope that as many as possible of our readers will avail themselves of these educational opportunities.

The Arrangements Committee is composed of Mesdames Fred Goldstein and Emanuel Goodman, representing the Women's League, and Messrs. Isidor Lauer and Hyman Gordon, representing the Men's Club. The plans which the Committee has made already include music, games, prizes, and surprise entertainment. All together, they promise an evening of fun for all who attend. Refreshments will also be on the evening's program.

The party is scheduled for the same evening as the reading of the Megillah. Thus, after the religious observance of this festival holiday in our synagogue, we hope that as many as possible will join in the congregational social celebration of Purim.

Further details will appear in the Review in the coming weeks. We urge all our readers now, however, to keep this event in mind when making their Purim plans.

#### **BAS MITZVAH PROGRAM**

A meeting of the Bas Mitzvahs will be held this Sunday morning, February 23, at 11:00 A.M. promptly in the Daily Synagogue.





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### FOR HEBREW SCHOOL

#### "GRADUATES"

The New York Commission on Talmud Torah Education has established a special entrance class at the Yeshiva University High School in Washington Heights for a select number of students from Talmud Torahs.

This program is designed primarily for boys entering the 9th grade in September and doing above average work. A positive attitude toward religious life and observance is essential toward making a proper adjustment to Yeshiva environment. Partial and full scholarships will be made available to deserving students.

In order to qualify for admission, the candidate is to pass an entrance examination in English studies to be given on Friday, March 8, 1957, at 9 A.M., at the Yeshiva University building.

Following this examination students will then fill out the formal application for admission and be individually interviewed by a special committee to ascertain their background in Jewish studies and general fitness.

Those interested are urged to contact Rabbi Reichel at once.

## THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

### Shemonah Esreh

#### "MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU"

May you be worthy of the blessing and its permanence. It is one thing to receive G-d's blessing, it is another, to keep it — As Macaulay has well said, "It is one thing to **ATTAIN**, another to **RETAIN**."

#### "MAY THE LORD CAUSE HIS COUNTENANCE TO SHINE UPON THEE AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO THEE"

What is the light of G-d's countenance? We have the meaning given in the next, the שִׁים שְׁלוֹם prayer, where we read, "For by the light of Thy countenance, Thou hast given us, O Lord our G-d, The LAW of LIFE," the most precious gift to the Jew, and the love of kindness, which has been exemplary on the part of Israel to the rest of mankind — Israel is a charitable people, — par excellence. Of the three distinguishing traits which the Rabbis say in the Talmud indicate the patent of Israel's nobility, — CHARITABLENESS is one of them.

#### "MAY THE LORD LIFT HIS COUNTENANCE UNTO THEE"

The expression in Hebrew for "Lift His countenance" means that He should show us favor. The Talmud in Berachos says, speaking for G-d, "I commanded" "and thou shalt eat, be seated (and then), and thou shalt bless the Lord," (Deuteronomy Chapter 8 verse 10), and yet the Israelites say the Grace after meals, even if they have eaten **only** a piece of bread, as large as an olive. Shall I not show them favor?

#### "AND GRANT THEE PEACE"

The prayer for Peace is the highest and most important prayer of the Jew. It is also his greatest contribution to civilization.

The Jewish Dietary Laws represent an important phase of this contribution. Surprising as it may seem, the Jewish Dietary laws, in addition to giving us the power of restraint, are also responsible for the peace-lovingness of the Jew, and for the abhorrence of blood, bloodthirstiness and war.

1. Judaism is more than a religion of forms and ceremonies — it is a way of life.

2. Judaism added to abstract faith and formal worship a priceless element of guidance by means of a code of laws covering practically every phase of life.

3. The Jewish dietary laws are largely responsible for Israel's mission of peace. At the outset we are commanded not to drink blood. We are permitted to eat only of the herbivorous animals, which feed on grass, herbs and vegetables, and we are forbidden to eat of the carnivorous, the bloodthirsty ones, which feed on other animals. Thus

for thousands of years, we have been made free from the thirst for blood, and therefore there courses through every fibre of our being the great passion for peace. War and diet are thus intimately connected. This explains the reason why the Jew is essentially a pacifist.

4. This is evidenced further in every portion and section of our daily prayers. The grace after meals closes with a prayer for peace. The priestly benediction closes with a prayer for peace. Every Amidah closes with an invocation for peace. Every service in the Synagogue, morning, afternoon or evening, daily, Sabbath or holiday, closes with the Kaddish, which in turn is always concluded with a prayer for peace. The prayer for peace is the dominant note struck by the Jew throughout his career. THIS IS TRACEABLE IN A VERY LARGE MEASURE TO THE FACT THAT THE BODY POLITIC OF THE JEW, DUE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE DIETARY LAWS, HAS FREED ITSELF, FROM ANY THIRST FOR BLOOD.

(to be continued)



## Our Women's League

### LAST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 25 HONORING MRS. GOLDSTEIN



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The luncheon honoring Mrs. Goldstein will be held this year on Monday, February 25, at 12:30 o'clock in our Synagogue Building. The nominal sum of only \$2.50 will not only give you a succulent feast, but will also afford you the pleas-

ure of helping to celebrate the birthday of a most wonderful woman.

Mrs. Max Chernofsky, Chairman of this function, is depending on your whole hearted cooperation that afternoon so that Mrs. Goldstein will be able to continue the wonderful help that she has been able to give to these orphaned and fear-stricken children. An enjoyable afternoon is being planned, which will include prizes and card games for all.

You can call the Synagogue and make your reservations for this luncheon if you have not done so already.

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#### W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

##### Friday, I Adar 21

Light candles before .....5:20

Evening service .....5:30

##### Saturday, I Adar 22

Vayakhel Exodus 35:1-38:20

Haftorah: I Kings 7:40-50

Morning service .....9:00

Youth congregation .....10:00

Chazanim: Mervyn Frankel, Jack Hausman

Junior congregation .....10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten .....10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 4:00

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class .....4:00

Mincha .....5:00

Reader of Torah: Lionel Etra

Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan

The Sabbath terminates .....6:11

##### Sunday, I Adar 23

Morning services 7:15, 8:15, 9:00

##### Daily Services

Morning services 6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha .....5:20

Followed by the explanation of the

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## GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

As a practical lesson in character, Mr. Nat Holman, the guest speaker at our Father and Son Breakfast last Sunday, travelled from upstate most of the night in order to keep his appointment with us. Many thanks to the Men's Club for providing the food, its president, Mr. Fred Heiser, and the chairman of the Arrangements Committee, Mr. H. William Hirsch, to Mr. Leon Herman, for providing the eggs, and to Mmes. Monroe Gains, Daniel Gribetz, Samuel Gursky, Fred Heiser, and Janice Shechter for serving as hostesses. Mr. Leon Herman and Herbert Goldberg led the services; Mr. Bennet Carter announced the pages (after having davened beforehand) and Mr. Irving Silver led in the "benchen."

Our heartfelt thanks to our Director Max J. Zimmer and to Mr. Max Brooks for their gift to our Congregation of beautiful embroidered tablecloths for use in our Daily Synagogue in memory of their parents . . . Our best wishes to Miss Renee Kaufman upon receiving her B.S. Degree from New York University . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Isidore Lauer . . . All good wishes for a pleasant stay in Florida to Director Abraham M. Druckman and Director and Mrs. George Pauker . . . Welcome home from Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Max Pretner upon the engagement of their son, Eli, to Judith Abramson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Abramson . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Perlman, upon the forthcoming marriage of his son, Rabbi Harold B. Perlman, to Miss Tobe Silberman.

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### Birthday Greetings

#### Feb.

- 21—Abe Goldman  
Madelyn Ukeles  
Hon. Albert Wald
- 22—Benjamin Bernstein  
George Linker
- 23—Mrs. Harry Altman  
Sigg Eisenberg  
Myra Gribetz  
Rubin Leviton  
Mrs. Joseph Shapiro  
Mrs. Bernard Udell  
Mrs. Eddie Weinstein

## American Jewry Today . . .

# What Is The Difference Between Orthodoxy And Conservatism?

(Continued from last week)

Here is the basic difference. Orthodoxy says that our religious observances come from G-d and that all our religious observances and beliefs are the transmission of a Divine message to our children and our future generations — **torah min hashamayim**.

On the other hand, Conservatism does not accept the doctrine of **torah min hashamayim** . . . but believes that religious practices are simply something that started with man and developed through the ages. In Conservative circles, you hear much about "adjusting your religion to the time."

Orthodoxy feels terrified at such a prospect . . . Think of it, rather, as the sculptor chiseling the rock. Orthodoxy says that the times are the rock and our religious observances are the chisels that shape the rock, and not as the non-Traditionalists will by necessity have to say, that the Jewish religion is the rock, and the times constitute the chisel which shapes the rock. Orthodoxy says that our religion is a Divine instrument to shape the ages, rather than the clay which the ages are to shape.

Orthodoxy believes that every non-Orthodox approach — whether Conservative or Reform — has in itself the seed of self-destruction. The moment you extend to each generation the invitation to mold our religion to suit its particular whims, then it is a definite certainty that, after you have rejected what does not suit you, and they preached how vital is what you have kept for the preservation of the Jewish religion, your grandchildren will come

along and eliminate even the latter as unsuitable to them — and why not? — and where are you then? . . .

In the records of the proceedings of the Conservative Rabbinate, we can already find within our own lifetime, that what was called some 20 years ago "assur," forbidden, has already been changed to "mutar," permissible . . .

The man or woman who joins a Conservative Congregation . . . is subscribing to the philosophy of the movement — that our religious beliefs and practices have no direct Divine implications . . . On the other hand, a man who even may not himself be observant, who joins an Orthodox Congregation . . . is saying: "I join this movement because I believe there is something G-d given about our religion, and if I do not observe our religious practices, it is because of some reason of my own, perhaps some inadequate rationalization or weakness on my part."

This, then, is the basic difference . . . between Orthodoxy and all non-Orthodox movements . . . Contrary to what some think, Orthodoxy can well afford to invite thought and examination, for it alone has stood the tests both of time and thought . . .

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#### Feb.

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