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## RESPONSE ENCOURAGING IN APPEAL FOR HOMES FOR CHILDREN

The annual appeal made during our Shemini Atzeres Yizkor services for the Homes for Children in Israel met a very encouraging response. Both Rabbi Goldstein and our President, Lester Udell, delivered stirring messages in behalf of this extremely important work. They pointed out the fact that these institutions in Israel, are doing valiant work in saving many children from missionary schools and in general doing a fine humanitarian religious task. We hope that all who have not as yet sent in their contributions will do so as soon as possible. Checks should be made out to "Homes for Children in Israel" and may be sent to the Synagogue Office. The Review will record the names of the donors.

## YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE

Young men and young women over 21 are cordially invited to attend the Opening Social Evening of the season of our Young Adult League, Sunday night, October 27 at 8:30 o'clock. This group will sponsor social and cultural programs for its members. Our readers who are interested in joining the Young Adult League should contact the social department office.

## REMINDER TO PARENTS

All classes in our Hebrew School are already in session.

The earlier your son or daughter begins his or her Jewish education, the more beneficial and enjoyable it will be.

On Sunday morning, November 3rd the Kindergarten will meet from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Many thanks to Mrs. Jacob Goodman for her gracious hospitality in having the Executive Board Luncheon at her home. Many important items were discussed and voted upon. If you missed this gathering,

## ANNUAL CHASANIM PARTY TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The entire congregation — both men and women — are cordially invited to the annual party given by the Chasanim of Simchas Torah. This year's Chasanim were Mr. Henry Zimet, Chasan Torah, Aaron Neustadter, Chasan Bereshis, and President Lester Udell, Chasan Maftir.

The party takes the form of a festive Seudah Shlishis, this Saturday immediately after Mincha services. Mincha is scheduled to be at 4:20 P.M., and the party will follow immediately thereafter.

We hope that as many of our congregants and friends will attend this festive occasion, thus doing honor both to the Chasanim themselves and the Torah to which they were symbolically "betroted."

## GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

Beginning with tomorrow afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, a very enjoyable program is in store for boys and girls at our weekly Oneg Shabbat. Three groups will meet for all ages between 5 and 13. Parents are urged to encourage their children to participate in these weekly Sabbath afternoon gatherings. The children may bring their friends. Refreshments will be served.

then make sure to attend our next open meeting which will be announced in this Review so that you can get all the vital facts.

Mrs. Fred Goldstein,  
President

## OUR OPERA COMMITTEE

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**Sunday night, Jan. 19, 1958**

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## LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE TO OFFER COURSES IN HEBREW

Jews have always stressed adult study, viewing education not as something which should stop after the attainment of some "degree" but rather as a life-long process.

Since the home is the key to the preservation of Jewish ideals, parents especially must know how to guide their children "Jewishly" in order to bring them up as happy and understanding Jews.

It is with this in mind that we especially urge the parents, among the other adults of our Congregation, to take advantage of the fine educational opportunities which will be made available through the W.S.I.S. Laymen's Institute. They are your best bet for Jewish enjoyment, inspiration and self-help.

By popular request, a special class in Beginners' Hebrew will be offered on Monday afternoons at 3:30 o'clock.

Inasmuch as these classes will be offered only on such levels of study for which there will be sufficient registration, our readers are urged to mail the attached coupon at once.

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## CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Hirsch Raskin upon the passing of his wife, our late member **Braine Raskin**; and to the family of **Froim Perper**.



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### ISRAELI DIARY

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1957

We left Jerusalem at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday morning, after Dad had been to town and taken care of a number of matters, including the picking up of 100 bars of chocolate for the children of Sdeh Hemed. At the beginning of the road which leads out of Jerusalem there is a sign "Derekh Tsaleha" (a successful way). It was overpowering and almost unbelievable to see how many new settlements have been built since last year. On the way we passed the Hills of Judea and on the top of a large number of them were new settlements which have been placed there for defense purposes. The sight of so many new houses is a sign of the steady growth and development of Israel. We saw bands of men working on the roads all along the way. The roads are kept in excellent condition all the time and some of those which we passed were being widened. The houses in the new settlements are only one-story high, but in the cities they are two, three and even four stories high.

## THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

### Taking The Torah Out Of The Ark

(Continued)

#### "UNTO THEE A PEOPLE BORNE BY HIM"

Other nations carry their idols, their statues, but in our case G-d carries Israel — Israel is called by the Prophet Isaiah "G-d's borne people" as we read in Isaiah Chapter 46 verses 3, 4, 6 and 7 "Hearken unto Me O house of Jacob . . . which are borne by ME: 'Even to your old age, I am He . . . and I will carry you . . . They lavish gold out of a bag . . . and hire a goldsmith; and maketh it a god; they fall down, yea, they worship . . . One shall cry unto him, yet he cannot answer, nor save him, out of his trouble.'"

#### "THE COVENANT WITH THE STRONG ONES"

The "strong ones" is a reference to the Patriarchs.

#### "AND CHECK THE EVIL INCLINATION IN THEM THAT HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY HIM"

We have a double metaphor (1) G-d bearing Israel and (2), G-d carrying Israel. (1) When Israel is not worthy, then G-d bears us as a heavy burden. (2) When Israel is worthy, then He carries us as the eagle, as we read in Exodus, chapter 19 verse 4 "And how I carry you on eagle's wings". We pray that G-d may check or scold the evil inclination in us. This would be exceedingly helpful to us.

### Blessings On Being Called To The Torah

In the Bracha recited before the reading of the Torah, we proclaim that the sole aim of our election is to fulfill the Torah in theory and practice. The Bracha following the reading chiefly expresses our gratitude for having received along with the Torah, the gift of "Eternal Life." The Talmud (Jer. Ber. VII, 1) deduces that Bracha from the Biblical Command that we speak a blessing after having partaken of a meal (Deut. 8, 10). We are no less grateful for the satisfaction of our spiritual needs, than for His providing us with our daily bread. For the Torah is our spiritual life-element.

Through it we too shall grow and develop and so gain "Eternal Life." For this end G-d has planted the Etz Hachaim "The Tree of Life" in our midst. — In the bracha before the reading we say "Es Torahsaynoo", "His Torah;" now we speak of the Eternal Life planted in our midst. Indeed, when a man has learned Torah it has become **his own**, and only then does it bless him with Eternal Life. (Av. Z. 19a). (The World of Prayer — Munk).

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Saturday Afternoons — 3:30

Oneg Shabbat

(Boys and Girls 5 thru 12)

Sunday Evening — 8:30:

Young Adult League

Monday Evening — 8:00:

Junior League

(Boys and girls 14 thru 16)

Thursday Evenings — 7:30:

"76 Club"

(15 thru 17) at P.S. 87 Gym

Sunday Morning, Nov. 3rd — 10:30:

Post Bar Mitzva and Bas Mitzva

"Jewish Information Hour" with Rabbi Reichel

Sunday Evening, Nov. 3rd — 8:30:

Senior League (17 thru 21)

For information concerning our Youth Activities program, please call Rabbi Reichel's office.

### BAR MITZVAH



Jay Zimmern

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zimmern upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jay, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning. Jay who is a pupil at the Manhattan Day School, will read the entire Sedrah.

## WHAT PRICE ORTHODOXY?

To live the life of an orthodox Jew in accordance with the Divine Laws, is not always an easy task; in many respects it is a great hardship, particularly so, when living in a Christian world.

We have our problems with kashruth and teaching our help to perform the task. We cannot eat where and what we want; we cannot work, play, attend to our business and engage indiscriminately in other pleasures of the flesh on the Sabbath or on many other Jewish holidays. We must fast on Yom Kippur. We are deprived of stopping at some of the most desirable hotels, join some of the best clubs; partake of food at banquets because of kashruth. Our wives, too, have their strict religious observances and numerous prohibitions. Our children also encounter handicaps in their early school days, at college and in later years, in their business and professional lives. There are many other disadvantages but I confine myself to the above mentioned.

The question remains, "are these sacrifices worthwhile?" The answer is YES. Basic orthodox Jewish living is worth the price we pay though sacrificing many of the pleasures. Take the Sabbath for example, one of the sturdiest pillars of orthodox Judaism. The non-observer undermines his life and health by working and fretting in his business or profession while the orthodox Jew is at peace with the world. He leisurely attends Synagogue in spiritual environment in prayer, thanking the Almighty for all the bounties and blessings. He no doubt absorbs the "wisdom" of the Rabbi's sermons, who teaches us how to behave toward G-d and man. On his arrival home, he makes his "kiddush", partakes of his Shabbos meal with his family in peace, sings his "zmiros", says grace, and completes his Lord's day in an atmosphere of meditation and relaxation. This orthodox religious procedure is usually followed on all other Jewish holidays; a practice that adds culture and inspiration to the entire family and years to a fruitful life.

Above and beyond these advantages of being an orthodox Torah-Jew, there is one that supersedes them all; character development brought about by the numerous personal sacrifices and self-denial in practicing orthodox Judaism. This practice of self denial has the tendency to develop mental and spiritual strength. It is the adamant

characteristic of self denial; self discipline, self sacrifice, of the Jew that has perpetuated Jewry throughout the ages. It has overcome pogroms, persecutions, drab lives in the ghettos, and in the Galuth, — while other people and nations in freedom disappeared from the earth.

The Jew, and more particularly, the orthodox Torah-Jew, has survived and will continue to survive because of the strength of character developed through sacrifice and self denial. It is comparatively easy to be a flabby weakling, indulging indiscriminately in the will of the flesh, — but if you desire to develop a strong body, you must exercise, not only the body muscles and self restraint, you must eat and sleep regularly and sensibly. You cannot be a play-boy and be strong of body. Orthodox Torah-Judaism is based on the same principle. What is true of the body is also true of the spiritual and cultural life of orthodox Torah-Judaism.

The practice of orthodox Judaism is comparable to Spartanism. This Spartan character will be reflected generally in the family and in addition create a beacon light of inspiration for the children to follow in our footsteps.

Isidor Teitelbaum

## THE W.S.I.S. SUCCAH

The beautiful spirit of cooperation, which is characteristic of our fine band of co-workers at the W.S.I.S., accounts for the fact that our Succah was so attractive, so inviting and so completely home-like in its atmosphere.

For the beauty of the decorations, for the speed and facility of the service, for the handling of the hundreds of men, women and children, who enjoyed the hospitality of our Succah, we are indebted primarily to our Women's League.

Its conscientious and devoted Succah Co-chairmen, Mrs. Max Koch and Mrs. Myron Friedlander, assembled all the requirements for the decorations of our Succah, as well as for the Kiddush after each Service.

Its artistic capable Board member, Mrs. Harold Kaplan, added that aesthetic touch which gave our Succah such an attractive appearance. Mrs. Kaplan was also in charge of the Service in the Succah.

We want to take this means of publicly expressing our appreciation to the following men, women and young people who, in diverse ways, made our Succah Project a

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

Light Candles Friday Evening up to .....5:42

Weekly Portion — Noah

Genesis 6:9-11:32 Numbers 28:9-15

Isaiah 66:1-24

Friday Evening Service .....5:45

Saturday Morning Service .....8:50

Youth Congregation .....10:00

Junior Congregation .....10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten .....10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) .....3:30

Mincha .....4:20

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The Chasanim Party

The Cabbath Terminates .....6:25

## Daily Services

Sunday Morning .....7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Daily Mornings .....6:15, 7:15, 8:30

Mincha .....4:50

Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

pleasant and spiritually satisfying experience for all who were privileged to take advantage of its facilities.

Mesdames: Harry Cohen, Benjamin Ehrenfeld, Pauline Fichter, Fred Goldstein, Jacob Isseks, Emanuel Goodman, Herman Livingston, O. Asher Reichel, Samuel W. Siegel, Gittel Silverman, Frank L. Taks, Harry Ward, Andrew Weiss.

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Our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein and our Director Judge and Mrs. Edelstein were invited guests at the luncheon tendered in honor of Queen Elizabeth at the Waldorf Astoria, as a representative of the New York City Executive Committee of the United Nations . . . The warm and friendly atmosphere which pervaded the Shmini Atzeres "At Home" of Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein made all those who attended feel that they are an integral part of the W.S.I.S. family. The young people who ably helped Mrs. Goldstein take care of the large number of guests included Evelyn Goldstein, Rosalyn Klein, Doris Linker, Madeline Ukeles, Deborah Jane Goldstein, Bernice Goldberg, Murray Yavneh and Shelley Schneider . . . We were delighted to have with us in our Succah on Hoshannah Rabbah, Mr. Jacob Herzog, Minister to the United States in Washington, for the State of Israel (second in command to Abba Eban). By the way, Mr. Herzog is the first orthodox Jew to receive this tremendous responsibility and honor . . . Our congregational citations of merit for their contributions to the success of our various Succos holiday events to the following: Mrs. Mannie Alt, for being in charge of the Women's League Talmud Torah holiday treats; for distributing to the children the little Torahs, flags and candies in our synagogue on Simchas Torah, Mmes. William Foont, Fred Goldstein, Eddie Schreiber, Frank L. Taks, Harry Ward and Jennie Yabrow as well as Pvt. Larry Kobrin; to Willie, of the Plaza Fruit Market for his donation of fruits and vegetables for the beautiful decoration of our congregational Succah; Lou G. Siegel, for his contribution of the rolls for the Motzi in our Succah; and all those others of our members and friends who contributed to the Women's League Succah Fund; to Mmes. David Elkins, Emanuel Goodman, Morris Jablow, Miriam Morse, Esther Oppenheim, Fannie Vogel and Jennie Yabrow for their contributions to the success of our Women's League Succos Luncheon; to Mr. Leon Herman who excelled as a pinch-hitter for our beloved and golden-voiced Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, in announcing the Hakafos on Simchas Torah . . . We are grateful to our member, Dr. Mortimer Greer for his professional services to some of our ailing congregants during the

Succos holidays . . . Happy to have back with us after his recent illness, our beloved Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, in time for the Rosh Chodesh "ben-shen" at our last Sabbath morning services . . . Good to have off the sick list Mr. William Foont and his son, Paul, Mr. Louis Shlansky, Mrs. Harold Kaplan and Mrs. Lester Udell . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for our Directors Albert Colin and Ben Glazer, Irving Silver, Mrs. David Ullman and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock . . . Our own congregational citation of merit to Mrs. William Horwitz, Mrs. Frank Taks and Mrs. Harry Ward upon their being awarded the pin of merit from the American Medical Centre of the Garment League . . . G-dspeed to Dr. Sylvan Ehrenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ehrenfeld, who left for Israel with his wife to assume his duties as Associate Professor of Mathematical Statistics at the Technion in Haifa, in pursuance of his appointment by New York University; and to David Beier, son of our Director and Mrs. Samuel K. Beier, upon his entering the Armed Forces of our country . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kestenbaum, in Japan and to Mrs. Toni Iger upon becoming a great grandmother and to Mrs. Rose Gura upon becoming a grandmother.

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28—Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum  
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Mrs. Frank L. Taks  
Samuel Tessler  
31—Mrs. Sol Redlich

**Anniversary Greetings****Oct.**

- 27—Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Bayer  
Mr. & Mrs. William Foont  
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