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DEMOLITION OF OLD STRUCTURE PROGRESSING — FUNDS FOR NEW BUILDING NEEDED!

Anyone entering our Synagogue on weekdays these days is met by the noise of the banging of hammers, the clattering of wooden boards and the thud of falling plaster. To us in the Synagogue it is nothing new. We are becoming accustomed to the progress of the wrecking crew demolishing the old structure next to our main building. Some of us may even feel a kind of remorse at seeing our cherished haunts such as the Men's Clubroom, the Council Room, and the Social Hall go. But it is the kind of pang we feel when our children reach a landmark in the process of growing up. We get a joy in seeing them grow up but at the same time there is a lingering sorrow in letting go of the child we became accustomed to. It is the same with the old haunts. But we are all happy at the thought that a new building with all modern conveniences will take its place. This, G-d willing, we are sure of. But there is an important question in our minds. How soon will we have our new building? This is what worries us. Our contract with the builder calls for an 80% payment every month for all outlays the builder has made during the month. This means we can only continue as long as we have sufficient funds. It all depends on you dear readers. You hold the key to unlocking the door of the new building. Funds are needed! Please make every effort to pay up on your pledges. If you haven't pledged yet, do it now. Also see to it that your friends and neighbors join in this important venture which will benefit not only the congregational family but the entire community as well.

Panel Of Two Experts To Discuss Electronic Computers At Men's Club Meeting On Monday, February 3rd.

Messrs. Sid Kaplan and Leon S. Levy of David Sarnoff Research Center, R.C.A. Laboratories, will explain Electronic Computers and its Future Business Application.



S. Kaplan

All members of the Men's Club, friends of our Congregation and neighbors in our community both men and women are in for a real treat at the **open meeting** of our Men's Club on Monday, February 3rd, at 8:30 P.M., in our Synagogue building. A Panel of two experts on electronic computers, will discuss the importance of electronic computers and its application to everyday business procedures. Both of our speakers hail from the David Sarnoff Research Center of R.C.A. laboratories at Princeton and are well qualified to speak on the subject of electronics.

In this issue for reason of lack of space, we can only give a brief sketch of Mr. S. Kaplan's background in the field of mathematics in general and in Electronic Computers in particular, and next week, we will give Leon Levy's biographical sketch.

Since Mr. Kaplan's graduation from Brooklyn College, with the de-

grees of B.S., in 1934 and M.S., in 1936, his activities in the field of mathematics have been divided in the areas of teaching, government service and private industry. He has taught mathematics at Brooklyn College, Johns Hopkins University, Catholic University of America, and the Graduate School of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

His government service consisted of membership on the statistical staff of the war production board during the war, a staff position on the Business Division of the Bureau of Census, immediately after the war, and later joining the high speed computational group of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, where he solved many large-scale **aero ballistic problems**, many associated with **early missile development**. In 1951 he joined the Office of the Comptroller of the Army, where he programmed for **solution on the UNIVAC**, the logistical support for a real Army mobilization plan, including the automatic determination of its associated budget.

Mr. Kaplan entered private industry in 1953 at the R.C.A., as a mathematician in the **Bizmac** Engineering Section, where he acted as a programming consultant on large-scale file processing and mathematical problems. In 1955 he was assigned to the David Sarnoff Research Center at Princeton, where he is now, as a consultant on large-scale file retrieval problems.



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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

The first sessions meet daily at 3:15 o'clock.

Sunday morning classes are held in our Synagogue building at the regular time.

YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH SABBATH

Our Annual Youth Sabbath, at which the young men of our Congregational Family will conduct the Synagogue Services, will be held on Friday night, April 18th, and Saturday, April 19th.

Those of our younger set who wish to participate as readers of a portion of the Torah, recipients of "Mitzvos", or ushers are urged to return the coupon below at once.

Dear Rabbi Reichel:

I wish to participate in the W.S.I.S. Youth Sabbath on April 19th as

- Reader of the Torah
- Recipient of a "Mitzvah"
- Usher

Signed

Address

Phone

THE PRAYER BOOK
 COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE "וְכֵן לֵצִיּוֹן PRAYER"

(Continued)

"FOR THE LORD IS G-D, AN EVERLASTING ROCK"

Atheism means anarchy, and confusion Judaism means respect for G-d as the Eternal Rock for the world's safety.

"AND THEY THAT KNOW THY NAME WILL PUT THEIR TRUST IN THEE"

Israel, having witnessed the Revelation, put their trust in G-d even before they inquired into the Torah, the Law that was revealed, as they said, "We shall do and then we shall inquire."

"IT PLEASD THE LORD . . . TO MAGNIFY THE TORAH"

Some of us might say in the spirit of Passover "Dayenu". It would be well if he did not give us "so much" law. When we feel that way, it is an indication of a lower level of the spiritual and moral outlook. We are made better, worthier, nobler, because of the copious Torah and its many commandments. The more commandments we follow, the less is our danger of going wrong, and vice versa. The Torah, in view of its very minute and detailed exactions, points out and indicates the safe road for every individual. Thus Israel was made worthy when G-d gave them much Torah and many commandments.

The "ALEYNU" Prayer

עלינו IT IS OUR DUTY

This prayer, one of the oldest, is ascribed to Joshua, when he faced the walls of Jerico. It is an outcry against idolatry and is one of the most universal of all prayers.

The original name Joshua, namely הושע Hoshea, is found in the acrostic of the first letters of the first four sentences of this prayer read backward.

Joshua was afraid that Israel might be influenced by the statues and idols, and thus uttered the words, "for they bow to void and vanity, and pray to a god who does not help" (see Isaiah Chapter 30 verse 7 and Chapter 45 verse 20), which were later removed by the censor, but are now still a part of the Sephardic ritual namely:

"WHO FORMED THE WORLD, בְּרֵאשִׁית IN THE BEGINNING"

This may be interpreted to mean that G-d created the "beginning" of things, as for instance, wood. Then came man, and made a table out of it, etc.

"THOU HAST NOT MADE US LIKE THE NATIONS OF (THE) OR OTHER LANDS"

Our nation is different than all other nations, ours is a Torahcracy, (as we read in Exodus Chapter 19 verse 6) "And you should be unto me as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

"AND HATH NOT PLACED US LIKE OTHER FAMILIES OF THE EARTH"

G-d gave us a "peculiar" or "chosen" or "special" position among the people's of the world, as we read in Exodus Chapter 19 verse 5 "And you shall be unto Me, PECULIAR (special, treasured) from all the peoples of the world.

SENIOR LEAGUE TO MEET SUNDAY NIGHT

Members of the Senior League and their friends (young people between the ages of 19-23) will meet this Sunday evening, January 26th at 8:00 o'clock at the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, 8 West 70th Street. Come and join in the fun.

CONDOLENCES

We sorrowfully announce the passing of our member, **Louis Reisman**, treasurer of our Mr. and Mrs. League and former secretary of our Men's Club. Our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Annette Reisman, and to his sisters, Rose Shapiro, Anna Belle, and Mina.

Women's League Activities

Open Meeting on January 27th

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend the next **Open Meeting** of the Women's League on **Monday, January 27th at 12:30 P.M.** in the **Synagogue Building.**

In line with bringing you something uplifting as well as entertaining, a very interesting program has been planned.

We will have the pleasure of being addressed by our beloved Rabbi, Herbert S. Goldstein. He will discuss "The Whys and Wherefores of Jewish Daily Living".

We will also celebrate **Chamisha-asar-B'shvat**, Jewish Arbor Day, at this meeting.

Please be prompt. Refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON TO BE HELD AT HOTEL ESPLANADE ON MARCH 3rd

On March 3rd we will celebrate the birthday of our "lady of the year", our dear Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein. In her honor, you and your relatives and friends are cordially invited to a **Luncheon and Card Party** to be held at the **Hotel Esplanade**, 305 West End Avenue (at 74th Street). The proceeds of this event will be used to maintain the **West Side Institutional Synagogue Children's Village in Israel.** This home for children, with no other place to live, is a project started by and very close to the hearts of our Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein. Make your reservations immediately and take tickets for all your relatives and friends. It is truly a great "mitzvah" to help a cause such as this.

Further information in the next issue.

Our "Simcha Plaques" still have room for you to record your happy events, such as: Anniversaries, Birthdays, Bar-Mitzvahs, Births of children and grandchildren, etc. Mrs. Tonie Iger and Mrs. Irving Balmuth will be glad to help you and give you further information.

Bring or send your Rummage to the Synagogue. Our Rummage Sale will be held in the Spring.

JEWISH FOSTER HOME

There are 1100 Jewish children who are in need of foster homes — These children come from "broken or troubled homes, ranging in age from five days to eighteen years". The Jewish Child Care Association of New York, attempts to place these children in Jewish homes. Very few Orthodox Jewish homes, have been found — Here is an opportunity for homes with small families, or child-less homes, to have a "birdie" chirp, a child's babble, enliven and enrich them — Needless to say, the expense for complete maintenance is paid for by the Jewish Child Care Association. Will all those interested get in touch with Rabbi Goldstein. If traditional Jewish homes are unavailable, these children are then sent to homes, to either non-traditional or Gentiles — Let us remember, that in such cases, we are the GUILTY ones.

LEARN JEWISH HISTORY THE EASY WAY

During the renovations the Thursday mornings Cultural Kaffee Klatch will meet at the home of Mrs. O. Asher Reichel at 10:30 o'clock. Highlights of Jewish History are discussed at these interesting meetings which are sponsored by our Mr. and Mrs. League.

JOIN OUR GYM PROGRAM

Teen-agers are invited to join our Basketball Team and our Gym program at P.S. No. 87 on Thursday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Herbert Goldberg is in charge of our gym program.

PLEASE NOTE!

A modern Ritualarium (Mikvah) is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St., MO 3-0300.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to4:43
 Weekly Portion — BO
 Exodus 10:1-13:16 Jeremiah 46:13-28
 Friday Evening Service4:50
 Saturday Morning Service9:00
 Junior Congregation10:30
 Sabbath Kindergarten10:30
 Oneg Shabbos (7 to 10 years)3:00
 Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class3:15
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:15
 Mincha4:15
 Reader of Torah: Albert J. Schmeidler
 Reader of Service: Roger Linker
 The Sabbath Terminates5:34

Daily Services

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45
 Daily Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30
 Mincha4:50
 Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

January	Shevat	
25	4	Gusti Brandt David Koopman
26	5	Louis Eiss
28	7	Max Prakin
29	8	Mose Goodman Solomon Landowne Nessie Rubin
31	10	Rose Berliner Simon Davis Herman Jacobs Ida Helen Silver Gussie Mayerowitz

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

At a memorable and glorious dinner reception of the World Academy in Jerusalem at the Waldorf-Astoria two Sunday nights ago, our revered Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, as chairman of the Academy's Board of Trustees, presented to former President Harry S. Truman the Academy's Light of the World Award (depicting Moses holding the two tablets of the Ten Commandments) as a tribute to his courageous leadership for humanitarian causes and to his being the first Head of State to recognize the new State of Israel. To make our Congregation's connection with the event more complete, our own beloved Rabbi O. Asher Reichel delivered the invocation. Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, advisor to our last two democratic presidents, was the toastmaster, Mr. Gustav Stern, Chairman of the Dinner, greeted the guests, Ambassador Eban of Israel and President Truman spoke most inspiringly. Witnessing this meeting in amity of such great spiritual and temporal leaders, we had a sense of being witness to a preview of what our world will be like when the prophecy of Isaiah will finally come to pass . . . Congratulations to Dr. Henry H. Kessler, brother-in-law of our Director Jos. Settel for receiving a citation from the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare for "public service rendered in advancing the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped." . . . Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross for their contribution of refreshments for our Sabbath morning kindergarten children for the entire season . . . Welcome to our neighborhood to the newly married Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Levmore, whom we trust will soon become part of our Congregational Family . . . Happy to have back from Florida to our Director Abraham M. Druckman and to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross . . . all best wishes to Abe Sassoon, Captain of our winning teen-age Basket-ball Team and his brother, Samson upon their departure to California . . . Our prayers for a speedy and complete recovery to our devoted conscientious and very capable Women's League Treasurer, Mrs. Jacob Isseks . . . The hosts of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be our Director and Mrs. Frank L. Taks . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tilem upon the birth of a daughter, Deborah Lea, to their children Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tilem in California

. . . and to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hausman upon the engagement of their son Robert to Carol Popky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Popky of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. . . . Bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kirsh, on their Southern Cruise.

Birthday Greetings:

Jan.

- 24—Mrs. Jacob Kaplan
- 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 Kameron
Maurice Linker
Aaron Israel Reichel
Laurie Sue Udell

Anniversary Greetings:

- 24—Director & Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz
- 26—Mr. & Mrs. Milton Mirken
- 29—Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Saretsky
- 30—Mr. & Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES

Our Monday afternoon Hebrew class for Adults now meets under the direction of our own Mrs. Joseph Friedman.

The Monday night Hebrew course meets at 8:00 o'clock with Rabbi Morton Garfiel.

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ISRAELI DIARY

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

July 9, 1957

On Sunday I paid a farewell visit to our W. S. I. S. Children's Village and besides the items which our Women's League funds had already provided, I added a set of swings, slides and a volley-ball net. I felt this was something which the children had to have.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Wilk, Head of the Police Department of the City of Jerusalem, nephew of Mr. Sydney, who is a life member of the W.S.I.S., came with a station wagon and took us for a close-up of Mount Zion and the border between Israel and Jordan. We got nearer to Mount Zion than I had ever been so far, as an automobile road has been built this year, half-way up Mount Zion. The rest of the way consists of a large number of steps, which of course is out of the question for me. We saw at close range, the Tower of David, one of the walls of the Old City, the Valley of Shiloah, mentioned in the prophet, (now unfortunately in Arab hands;) the beautiful Hebrew University buildings and the Hadassah Hospital buildings which were built many years ago on Mount Scopus and which are now Arab territory and cannot be used by Israel; the Mount of Olives, where Grandpa Fischel is buried, and which is also out of bounds for Israel. We drove on to a section known as Ramat Rachel (The Height of Rachel) because from there the tomb of Rachel is visible. From that point we also saw at very close range the city of Bethlehem and got a wonderful view of the Dead Sea, which is about 1 1/2 hours' ride from where we were. It is remarkable to be able to see something so clearly which is so far away.