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NEW BUILDING PROJECT TO A SPEEDY CONCLUSION.**

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★ THE CAROB TREE AND OUR NEW BUILDING PROJECT

A CHAMISHA ASAR B'SHEVAT STORY

Our sages tell us that a traveller once saw a very old man planting a carob tree. He stopped to ask the old man why he is planting a tree which takes so many years to grow and bear fruits. "Surely you must be aware that you'll never enjoy the fruits thereof." "I know" answered the old man, "but when I came into the world I found many carob trees over whom I did not labor and whose fruits I enjoyed in my lifetime. I therefore want to repay my debt by planting one of my own so that others too can enjoy it."

When we were very young we found Synagogues and Jewish Centres which were built by thoughtful people. Therefore it is our duty to do likewise and help in our new building project which is going to house the Hebrew School and will also be the Centre of Social Activities for the youth of our community.

LAYMENS INSTITUTE NOTES

All interested in studying the Hebrew Language should be interested to learn that Rabbi Garfiel will meet the Adult Hebrew Course on Tuesday nights at 8:00 o'clock instead of Monday nights.

LIONEL ETRA TO READ THIS WEEK'S SIDRAH



Lionel Etra

Lionel Etra will read this week's portion of B'Shah-lach. From time to time we will announce the names of the young people who will read the portion of the week.

"WHAT ARE ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS" AND "HOW THEY MAY BE APPLIED", TO BE DISCUSSED AT OPEN MEETING OF MEN'S CLUB THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd.

MR. LEON LEVY TO TALK ON "HOW COMPUTERS WORK", AND
MR. SID KAPLAN WILL TALK ON "TYPICAL BUSINESS
APPLICATIONS OF COMPUTERS."

This Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., the Men's Club will hold an Open Meeting to which all women and men are invited at our Synagogue Building in which the very important topic of Electronic Computers will be discussed. The discussion will be led by two very able mathematicians who have been doing research work on electronic computers at the David Sarnoff Research Center at Princeton, N.J. which is part of the R.C.A. Laboratories of the R.C.A. Corp.

An Able Mathematician

Last week we gave a biographical sketch of Mr. Sid Kaplan and this week true to our promise will do the same for Mr. Leon S. Levy.

Mr. Levy has spent a great many years in educating himself in the field of pure and applied mathematics. He has a B.A. in Mathematics from Yeshiva College in 1952. He also possesses two degrees from Harvard University, an S.M. in applied mathematics in 1955 and an M.E. in applied Science in 1957.

He was employed as an applied mathematician by the firm of Amman & Whitney in 1952-53. He has been with R.C.A. since 1955 working as Systems and Logical Designer of Electronic Digital Computers. Recently he has been appointed a David Sarnoff Fellow by the R.C.A.

Electronic Computers Closely Related To Missile Projects.

We are sure that these two experts will give us a very interesting talk in a field which has done much for the development of intercontinental missiles and earth satellites. They will shed a great deal of light on electronic computers, which are the controls of the missiles.

The talks will be followed by a question and answer period in which the audience will be able to participate. Both men and women are invited to this Open Meeting.

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The Board of Governors of the Men's Club will meet at 7:30 P.M. on Monday Evening February 3rd.

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CHAMISHA ASAR B'SHEVAT THIS WEDNESDAY

The coming Wednesday, February 5th, we celebrate the minor festival day of Chamisha Asar or Tu B'Shevat which derives its name from the day of the Hebrew month it occurs on, the fifteenth day of Shevat. This day is celebrated as the New Year of Trees.

To us Jews, Trees have always been important. Joyce Kilmer did not have to remind us that "poems are written by fools like me, but only G-d can create a tree." Our Torah is considered as an "Eitz Chaim," a Tree of life. The "Tzadik" the model human being is compared to "a Tree planted by the streams of water, that brings forth its fruit in season and whose leaf shall not wither." Neither was it necessary for the scientists to remind us about the importance of trees in soil erosion. We were commanded by our Torah "and when ye shall come into the land, ye shall plant all manner of trees." When a city is conquered the Bible states "Ye shall not destroy its trees . . . for the trees of the field are meant for man." The Talmud

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The "ALEYNU" Prayer

(Continued)

"WE BEND THE KNEE"

in humble submission.

"AND PROSTRATE"

in worship, offering ourselves in worship.

"AND GIVE THANKS"

The word מודים means also "to confess" for when we thank we "confess" our gratitude.

"KING OF KINGS"

is an incorrect translation. It should be "the King of the King of Kings". Each king is represented in heaven. G-d is not merely the King of Kings, but also of their representatives, as well.

"AND THOU SHALT KNOW"

We are bidden to recognize G-d not merely as a matter of belief, but rather as a matter of reasoned knowledge. Faith, is that which is reasonable to understand. Credulity is just the opposite, meaning that which we can accept only on behalf — as miracles, for instance. Maimonides emphasized always the command "KNOW the Lord thy G-d."

"THAT THE LORD, HE IS G-D IN HEAVEN ABOVE,

AND UPON THE EARTH BENEATH"

The philosophers generally say, "true, there is a G-d, but not a Personal G-d." We emphasize the fact that there is no difference. G-d is in heaven; He is on earth. He is the First Cause; He is the Creator; and He is a Personal G-d, as well. This explains the additional words in our Prayer, "There is None Else."

"IN HEAVEN ABOVE"

A homiletical explanation may be given as follows. In regard to heavenly or spiritual matters, then look above. Make every effort to progress. We may be jealous of those who are spiritually rich and we should strive to be as rich as they are. Such jealousy or discontent is permissible and praiseworthy.

"AND UPON THE EARTH BENEATH"

In regard to material matters, however, look down one step, and you will be contented. Do not let envy get the better of you.

"THAT WE MAY SPEEDILY BEHOLD"

There is no doubt that idolatry will be abolished and PURE monotheism established. We pray that we should have the privilege of seeing it in our own day.

"REMOVE" גלולים

"Gilulim" are the sun, the stars, etc., that do something — give warmth or light etc., but are not ascribed to G-d, but are worshipped as gods, by the idolators.

"IDOLS"

The Hebrew word for idol is "Eleel", which means "Nothing". This refers to statues, ikons, and idols, etc., which do "nothing" and yet are worshipped. Men bow down, or prostrate themselves before them. This is practiced in many a house of worship, and is done promiscuously in Rome.

"AND ALL CHILDREN OF FLESH WILL CALL UPON THY NAME"

The whole "Aleyenu" prayer resounds with the hope that idolatry will soon be entirely abolished, and the whole world may give recognition to the ONE G-D.

even went further in saying "It is forbidden to live in a city which has no gardens and greens."

Small wonder then that this day which the Talmud declares as the New Year of Trees has been celebrated by Jews throughout the ages with eating of fruits which are especially native to our Holy Land, such as carobs, dates, figs and raisins.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathies to the Family of the late **David Kurtz**, to Mr. Louis Davis upon the passing of his wife **Sally Davis**, to our member, Mr. Henry Sobel and his daughter Anita Labadorf, upon the passing of their beloved wife and mother, our Women's League member, **Katie Sobel** and to Mr. Martin Romerovski upon the passing of his dear mother **Sarah Litwak**.

Women's League Activities

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON TO HONOR

MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN ON HER BIRTHDAY

GUEST OF HONOR



Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

In honor of our dear Rebetzin's birthday, we will hold our **Children's Village Luncheon** on **Monday, March 3rd** at the **Hotel Esplanade** at **12:30 P.M.**

It will be a gala afternoon of delicious food, cards and games, gifts and door prizes. We know that you will not want to miss wishing our "dear, devoted, beloved inspiration" a very happy birthday.

The price of admission is \$3.50 per person. Please ask and invite your relatives and friends to attend since all money, received from this luncheon, will be sent to the W.S.I.S. Children's Village in Israel. The orphan children in this Home are very close to the heart of our Rebitzen who visits them every summer.

Come and pay honor to our Dear Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein and at the same time help our Children's Village in Israel.

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MRS. FRED GOLDSTEIN TO BE HOSTESS ON FEBRUARY 3rd.

Your President, Mrs. Fred Goldstein cordially invites all members of the **Executive Board** to be her guests at a meeting on **Monday, February 3rd** at **12:39 P.M.** in the **Synagogue Building**.

Due to our lack of facilities now, on account of the Building Operations, this will be a **Dessert Luncheon**.

Please attend promptly as we have many affairs of interest to our Board which must be discussed and decided upon.

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Due to the state of "destruction and construction" of our Synagogue Building at the present time, we will not hold our usual Purim Party of the Women's League and the Men's Club. Let us hope that we will all celebrate our next Purim together in our beautiful new Social Hall.

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The "Mr. and Mrs. League" cordially invites the Women's League and the Men's Club Members to their Purim Celebration to be held at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue (whose neighborly hospitality we are enjoying during our period of building, altering and renovating our social facilities) on Saturday Evening, March 8th. Further details in the coming Reviews.

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Bring your rummage to the Synagogue. Phone the Synagogue (TR 7-8281) if you wish large packages to be picked up.

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The **Women's League Simcha Plaque** is our chief means of raising money for our Building Fund. Please help us do our share by making your pledges and authorizing us to inscribe your name on this plaque.

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The Library will be open at this meeting.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening to4:51

Weekly Portion — B'Shah-lach

Exodus Chapter 13:17-17:16

Judges 4:4-5:31

Friday Evening Service5:00

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys & Girls 7 to 10) 3:15

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class3:15

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:15

Mincha4:15

Reader of Torah: Sanford Ward

Reader of Service: Shelley Schneider

The Sabbath Terminates5:42

Daily Services

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha5:00

Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Gahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

February Shevat

1	11	Morris Kornfeld
		Tanya Shaftan
		Rose Kauvar Buchalter
		Samuel Lukaczner
3	13	Sarah Buch
		Rachel Becker
4	14	Mollie Weinstein
5	15	Sarah Reizl Pauker
		Leah Snyder
7	17	Abraham Ward
		Esther Gluck
		Shifrah Ullman

GETTING PERSONAL**By Sanford Solarz**

Our heartiest and warmest welcome into our Congregational family to the following new members: Messrs. Ichel Hirt, Morris Marcus, Harry Mintz and Otto Neuman. It is our prayer that they will avail themselves at all times of our many religious, educational, and cultural activities . . . We are happy to report that our devoted Women's League Treasurer, Mrs. Jacob Isseks, is on the mend . . . Our gratitude to Mrs. Jacob Kaplan for providing the cake for the last Women's League Open Meeting in honor of her birthday . . . We are pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward are about after their recent indisposition . . . The host for the Seudah Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Leo Jacobowitz . . . Welcome home from a visit to South America to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kuber . . . One of the stars of our Thursday Night Basketball Team whose name was inadvertently omitted in a recent article is Stewart Handler . . . Ye Columnist's son Steven Joshua, will appear as a panelist on the New York Times Youth Forum, to be televised on Sunday, February 9th, 12:00 to 12:30 on Channel 5 . . .

Birthday Greetings:**Jan.**

- 31—John D. Garrett
Mrs. Leopold Hirsch
Mrs. Jules Howard

Feb.

- 1—Mrs. Rebecca H. Becker
Carol Ann Bernstein
Mrs. Ben Glazer
4—Jay M. Cohen
Richard Weinstein
5—Mrs. Isidor Ehrman
6—Ronnie Gail Cohen
Buddy Diamond
Linda Fran Levine

Anniversary Greetings:**Feb.**

- 1—Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Klein
2—Mr. & Mrs. David Epstein
5—Mr. & Mrs. Henry Kaufman
6—Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Z. Shapiro
Mr. & Mrs. Max Zahler

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

In celebration of Tu B'Shevat, our Women's League will provide appropriate refreshments for our pupils.

New pupils will be accepted in our Talmud Torah and in our Sunday morning Kindergarten during the month of February. For further information kindly call our Hebrew School office.



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"SHARING ONE'S JOYS"

Rabbi Goldstein in his sermon last Saturday morning decried the lavish spending for weddings, confirmations and engagement parties without thought of the unfortunate and the poor. This is most prevalent today and should certainly be deprecated. Rabbi Goldstein said, that, in the giving of the tithe, the Jew of old would say, "I have rejoiced and I have made others rejoice". He had given to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless and the widow.

It has always been Jewish tradition, to give charity and to provide extra fine meals for inmates of public institutions, such as the needy and the orphaned, on the wedding day of one's child. One certainly has the moral right to be as profuse and even extravagant in spending money on his personal joys, if at the same time, he spends nearly as much upon the unfortunate. So, too, when one makes trips abroad, or to Florida, and leaves at home even his own family, who cannot enjoy such pleasures without considering them in some measure, is guilty of profaning the command of the Wisdom Preacher, found in the Book of Proverbs, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich; but one should not add sadness therewith".

We spend a great deal for trips of one kind or another and are niggard in the matter of tipping, which increases envy and jealousy on the part of those who work for us.

Liberality in regard to these matters make for social justice, for goodwill in our own environment and in society at large. I believe that people as a rule are forgetful of the implications of the responsibilities that go with spending for pleasurable pursuits. We may not find joys for ourselves alone, as the poet put it, "He who joy would win must share it. Happiness was born a twin."

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FOR TEEN-AGERS**

Alumni — boys and girls — of our Hebrew School and their friends are welcome at the next session of the Jewish Information Hour, to be held on Sunday morning, February 9th, at 10:00 o'clock. Our young people are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to brush up on their Jewish knowledge and to discuss problems of Jewish interest.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OVER 22

The next social evening of our Young Adults League will be held on Sunday evening, February 9th, in the Auditorium of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue. Details will follow in coming issue.

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