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## CHAMISHA ASAR B'SHEVAT THIS SATURDAY

This Saturday, January 24th 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 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 specially native to our Holy Land, such as carobs, dates, figs and raisins.

## **HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES**

Our pupils will participate in a Grand Tu Beshvat Assembly. Our Women's League will provide special refreshments and Israeli fruit for this occasion.

# Rabbi Goldstein To Be Honored For His 45 Years In The Ministry

DINNER TO BE TENDERED TO HIM
TOGETHER WITH ALBUM GREETINGS



Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

## 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 Friday night April 10th and Saturday, April 11th.

Our young ladies will serve as hostesses at a Kiddush which will follow the services.

Those who wish to participate as readers of a portion of the Torah, recipients of "Mitzvos", ushers or hostesses 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 11th as

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

Signed .....

Address

Our beloved and revered Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will this year celebrate his 45th year of service in the vineyard of the Lord as Rabbi, spiritual leader and guide to three generations of orthodox Jewry.

To commemorate this joyous occasion the Board of Directors have unanimously decided to select our Rabbi as "Man of the Year" and to present him with an album containing greetings from friends and wellwishers at a dinner set for April 19th in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Those of us who know of the Rabbi's modesty will readily understand the reluctance with which he consented to be so honored. Throughout his many years in the rabbinate he steadfastly turned down numerous requests from national and international organizations to be singled out for his efforts on behalf of Jewry. However the call of duty to his beloved W.S.I.S. sealed his decision and we eagerly look forward to this great celebration.

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#### MAZEL TOV



Annette Wurman

Mazel Tov to our Synagogue Bookkeeper, Miss Annette Wurman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaak Wurman upon her engagement to Mr. Isaac Henry Herzfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Herzfeld.

Miss Wurman is very active in our Social Department. She is the Secretary of the Young Adults League and Group Leader of the Senior League.

# PLEASE NOTE!

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

# THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

# Thirteen Principles of The Faith

# Principle XIII

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL TAKE PLACE A REVIVAL OF THE DEAD AT A TIME WHICH WILL PLEASE THE CREATOR, BLESSED BE HIS NAME AND EXALTED HIS MEMORIAL FOR EVER AND EVER."

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According to Maimonides, the author of the Thirteen Principles, the doctrine of the Resurrection of the dead is identical with that of the immortality of the soul, calling the life of the soul after separation from the body, resurrection. The belief found expression in several passages in the Bible. Foremost among these is the following verse of Ecclesiastes Chapter 12 verse 7, "And the dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto G-d who gave it." David also gives frequent expression to this belief in his Psalms. In the seventeenth Psalm, he speaks with derision of the wealth and success of the wicked, and says of himself: "As for me, I shall see Thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with beholding Thy likeness" (Psalm 17 verse 15). Similarly he says in Psalm 16 verses 8 to 11, "I have set the L--d always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall dwell in safety. For Thou wilt not leave my soul to death, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine holy one to see corruption." In Proverbs Chapter 12 verse 28 we read: "In the path of righteousness there is life, and a smoother way where there is no death." These and similar verses show that the belief in the immortality of the soul was firmly established among the Israelites, and found frequent expression in the words of the men of G-d.

The belief in the Resurrection assists us in our endeavor of reconciling the apparent contradictions between the justice of G-d and our own experience. The latter comprises only the transient pleasures of the wicked and the sufferings of the just in this short life, and cannot be compared with the pleasure of the good and the suffering of the bad in the future, eternal life. Another benefit derived from this belief consists in its raising us above the ordinary sphere of earthly gains and losses: it turns our minds to higher aims; it purifies our heart and elevates it.

"And when after my skin is gone, this is destroyed then without my flesh, shall I see G-d." (Job 19 verse 26).

This resurrection refers to the body, for the soul is never dead. The sinner, after his punishment will have a portion in the world to come. A man may transgress commandments of the Torah and yet receive a portion in the world to come (because he feels he has sinned) but he who may observe these very same commandments may have no portion in the world to come, as we read in the Ethics of the Fathers, Chapter 3, Mishnah 5. "And he who makes the Torah bear a meaning of other than the right, such a one, even though he may possess Torah and good deeds, has no portion in the world to come."

#### **TWEENAGERS**

Boys and girls, plus and minus 14 years of age, are welcome at the next meeting of the Tweenagers, on Sunday, February 1st at 6:30 o'clock.

#### **SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES**

Collegiate girls and boys of our Congregational Family are invited to a special meeting of our Senior League on Sunday night, January 25th at 8 o'clock.

# REGINA MARGARETEN OF BLESSED MEMORY

We sorrowfully announce the passing of our Matriarch, a true mother in Israel,

#### Regina Margareten

Our heartfelt sympathy to her son, our member Fred, and to her daughters, Yetta Landau and Carrie Unterberger, Sadie Wohl and to her daughter Ella, wife of our member Doctor Samuel Weiss.

Rabbi Goldstein in closing his Eulogy at the funeral, said "When Stanton, Secretary of State, under Lincoln was told of his passing, said, "he now belongs to the Ages," so said the Rabbi — we can now say Regina Margareten, belongs to the Ages."

#### CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Women's League member, Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld, upon the passing of her brother **Moe Flatow**; to Dr. David L. Zipser upon the passing of his mother **Rose Zipser**; to the family of our late member **Fanny Lipman**; to the family of our late member **Philip Berman**; and to our Women's League Executive Board Member Mrs. Isidore Stoll upon the passing of her sister **Jesse Rosenzweig**.

# PRESIDENT LESTER UDELL GUEST OF HONOR AT SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

All our fathers, sons and daughters are invited to attend a special Sunday morning Service and Breakfast on February 1st, at 9:15 o'clock.

Our beloved President, Lester Udell, the number one layman in our Congregation, will be guest of honor at the Breakfast, which will be held in our newly decorated Ballroom.

Mr. H. William Hirsh is chairman of this event, sponsored by our Men's Club.

# MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

Mr. Leon Herman president of the Men's Club wishes to thank the following members for joining Messrs. Mannie Alt, Sol Bellsey, Walter Freeman, Emanuel Goodman, and Harry Perlman.

We do hope that the new members will make an effort to come to one of our meetings, and we are sure they will find them interesting enough to come regularly.

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# W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening before 4:42 Weekly Portion — B'Shah-laheh Exodus 13:17-17:16 — Judges 4:4-5:31 Friday Evening Service .....4:55 Chumosh and Rashi with Rabbi M. Garfiel ..... 8.15 Saturday Morning Service .....9:00 Youth Congregation ......10:00 Junior Congregation ......10:45 Chazanim: Aaron Reichel, Joel Wachs Commentator: Bruce Linzer Oneg Shabbos (Boys & Girls 7 to 11) 3:00 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ......3:15 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class ......3:15 Mincha ..... Reader of Torah: Iionel Etra Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg The Sabbath Terminates ......5:33 Daily Services Sunday Morning ......7:15, 8:15, 8:45 Monday and Thursday .....6:45, 7:45, 8:30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday ......6:45, 7:45, 8:15 Mincha ..... Followed by the Explanation of the..... Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

#### FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The opening social event of Club 76 for High School Seniors and their friends will be held on Saturday night, January 31st at 8 o'clock.

Come one, Come all and join in the fun.

#### **GETTING PERSONAL** by Sanford Solarz

Our heartfelt and deep gratitude to our Director Frank Frohman for his donation of the entire floor covering for our Daily Synagogue. And at the same time our warmest greetings to him upon his return from Florida . . . We heartily welcome in our Congregational family the following new members and their families: Messrs. Isaac W. Friedman and Edwin H. Lipstadt . . . our prayers for a speedy recovery to Raimund Ward . . . We were pleased to see at our Sabbath morning services Mrs. Barbara Kaplan Hanover who had just returned from a visit to her husband in Texas where he is now serving in the Armed Forces . . . Bon Voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Carter on their trip to Mexico and to Director Abraham M. Druckman upon his departure to and return from Florida. Welcome back from Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross and daughter Francine and niece Susan Gross and nephew Melvyn Gross; and to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wolf and their daughter Linda and from Europe Mr. Martin Romerovsky . . . Mazei Tov and all best wishes to our member Mr. Albert Goldfarb upon the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson Ned Welkes, son of his children, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Welkes . . . The host of our weekly Saturday afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Joseph L. Rosenberg. Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Weiss and their children, Gerald and Kenneth, to Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Weiss and their children, Nancy, Patti and Susan, to Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Weiss and their children, Wendy and Cathy for their pledge to our Building Fund in memory of our late member, Regina Mar-

#### OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ARMED FORCES OR AT COLLEGE

We would like to send the W.S.I.S. Review to your children who are serving in the Armed Forces, or who are away at College. We believe that they would welcome it because they would want to know what is happening back home and at the W.S.I.S.

Kindly send us the following information:

Name ..... (Serial Number) Address .....

# **Birthday Greetings**

- 23—Mrs. Irving Balmuth Emanuel Goldman Mrs. Norman Grober Director Jonas Leisten Jeffrey Sheppard Yudkoff
- 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

### **Anniversary Greetings**

- 23-Dr. & Mrs. Simon Dack
  - Mr. & Mrs. Herbert L. Ortner
  - Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pash
  - Mr. & Mrs. Warren L. Schnur
- 24—Dir. & Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz
- 26-Mr. & Mrs. Milton Mirken
- 29-Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Cohen
  - Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Saretsky

#### SABBATH AFTERNOON GROUPS

All boys and girls in our neighborhood between the ages of 7 and 11 are most welcome to our Oneg Shabbath clubs that meet every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A very enjoyable program including games, stories, group singing and refreshments, is in store for all who come. Mr. Samuel Ward and Miss Barbara Hecht are in charge of the groups.



# Pahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Jan.	Shevat		
24	15	Sarah Reizl Pauker	*
		Leah Snyder	
26	17	AbrahamWard	
		Esther Gluck	
		Shifra Ullman	
28	19	Samuel R. Morris	
29	20	Sol Levine	
		Lillian Talmud	
30	21	Anna Becker	
		JoshuaRothblatt	

## SUNDAY MORNING **KINDERGARTEN**

Parents of children of kindergarten age should be particularly pleased to learn that we have a very attractive and popular SUN-DAY MORNING KINDERGARTEN in session which meets from 10:30 to 12:30 o'clock, under the leadership of an experienced and dynamic teacher.

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