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## MESSRS. UDELL, GOLDNER, AND ROMEROVSKI TO BE HONORED AS CHASSANIM

## CHILDREN ESPECIALLY INVITED TO SIMCHAS TORAH SERVICES

Simchas Torah is a most important holiday for the children.

We cannot urge you too strongly, therefore, to bring your children and grandchildren to our Simchas Torah services this Saturday night.

The children, who are always welcome in our Synagogue, are our special guests on this night. In honor of this occasion, they will receive special Simchas Torah flags which they will carry with them during the "hakafos" (Torah procession). They will also be presented with sweets with the compliments of our Women's League.

The children are asked to assemble in the Daily Synagogue at 6:45. There they will receive their flags and will march into the Main Synagogue together.

#### YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE

The Young Adult League is happy to announce its first social affair of the New Year — "Cabaret Night" on Sunday evening, November 8th, featuring the renowned Joel Moses and his band. For full details see the next issue of our bulletin.



Lester Udell



Deszo Goldner



Martin Romerovski

The three Chassanim for this year's Simchas Torah festivities are President Lester Udell, Director Deszo Goldner, and Martin Romerovski.

Director Deszo Goldner, the Chassan Torah, will have the "Aliya" to the closing section of the Torah. Director Goldner has been active in several committees, the latest of which is the Dedication Dinner Committee which is responsible for the Dedication Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 21st, 1959

Mr. Martin Romerovski, the Chassan Breishis, will receive the first "Aliya" in the Book of Genesis that day. This is in accord with the principle that there is no end to the study of the Torah. As soon as we finish, we begin again. Mr. Romerovski, though among the newer members of the Synagogue, relatively speaking, has already made his presence felt among us.

The Chassan Maftir, who reads the prophetical portion from the Book of Joshua, needs no introduction to our readers, he is none other than our own beloved President, Mr. Lester Udell. Our congregation is really blessed to have such a leader who continues to be a great inspiration to all of us in the Synagogue.

# DEDICATION DINNER To Honor THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Albert H. Colin, Chairman; Maurice Greenstein, Vice Chairman; Harry Altman, A. M. Druckman, Jacob H. Silverstein, Samuel K. Beier, Counsel, Building Committee.

Saturday Evening, November 21, 1959

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## WHITHER AMERICAN JEWRY?

We noticed in a recent issue of the National Jewish Post that Brandeis University requested its incoming Freshman class to reach the campus between noon and 6 P.M. on Saturday. There were dispensations for those who informed the school in advance that they observed the Sabbath

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Talmud Torah classes are in session. Every day gone, makes it more difficult for the children to catch up.

For the benefit of late newcomers in our beginners classes, we are arranging private coaching for them in order to help them adjust to their respective groups. If you have not registered your child yet, you can do so this week.

All classes will meet this Sunday morning at the regular time.

## CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Harry Schetzen upon the passing of her father **Henry Aaron Brimberg**.

## THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

### Grace After Meals

(Continued)

"NOT SEEN THE RIGHTEOUS FORSAKEN" The Psalmist is speaking of Jewish social conditions. In a Jewish Community, no one who is the innocent victim of untoward fortune is allowed to go under. A helping hand will be extended to him. "Jewish orphans need not BEG for Bread" (Hertz) No one ever heard a TSADIK say that G-d has forsaken him, even though his children may seek bread. He will say that it is G-d's will.

Another explanation is as follows: "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTETH IN THE LORD, AND THE LORD SHALL BE HIS TRUST" Jeremich—Chapter 17 Verse 7 I do not translate here "And whose trust is the Lord" (Our translation makes the Lord the Guarantor to those who trust in Him). To put it illustratively, it is as if the Lord signs the note as a guarantee that the maker of the note of trust in G-d has made.

"THE LORD WILL GIVE STRENGTH UNTO HIS PEOPLE" The Rabbis commenting upon this verse say that "Strength, this is the Torah". Israel's strength always lies in its Torah.

"THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE" Through the observance of the Torah. Please note that our chief prayers, close with blessings of peace, as for instance, the 18 Benedictions; the Kaddish; the Duchanon, "the Priestly Benedictions"; and the "Grace after Meals".

## The Night Prayer

In some Prayer books, this prayer is prefaced with a plea that no one should be punished because of the worshipper, and that he forgives all who may have wronged him. An old man, Mr. William Fishman, was once asked to what he attributed his old age? He answered that it was due largely to this preface to the Night Prayer. After repeating it, his heart, mind and soul were at ease and he was completely relaxed.

"THE BANDS OF SLEEP TO FALL UPON MINE EYES" The eyes are a reference to "The apple of the eyes" when they close, we are asleep.

"SLUMBER" refers to "Drowsiness" when the eyelids close.

"AND LET ME RISE UP AGAIN" משלום means here "well" We pray that we may get up well, after a night's sleep.

"IT IS THOU WHO GIVEST LIGHT אישן TO THE APPLE OF THE EYE" The Hebrew word for the "Apple of the Eye" is a diminutive of the word word meaning "A little man" This is what the apple of the eye sees, a little man.

Sleep makes it possible for the eye to see again. Upon the closing verse of the first Chapter of Genesis "and behold it was very good". The Midrash says this includes sleep, because through sleep man is reborn.

"PLEASED" Psalm 90 verse 17 When one works on something and it comes out well, he is PLEASED. So we pray that G-d may be pleased with us. (Malbim) תכים This means not merely "to look," but "to look deeply."

"AND SEE THE RETRIBUTION OF THE WICKED" Superficially it appears that the wicked are on top of the world, but if one thinks deeply, we realize that G-d pays them off in some fashion in this world, and certainly in the next world, as we say, "As a wicked man, in the future world".

"FOR THOU O LORD ART MY REFUGE" Therefore the religious man is unafraid of the future. He leaves it to G-d (and works as if it all depended upon him). We must do our part and then G-d sends the success, as the Bible tell us. "And He shall bless thee, in all that thou shalt work."

"NO EVIL SHALL BEFALL THEE" Referring to an outward accident, which happens rarely.

"NEITHER ANY SCOURGE" referring to sickness.

"FOR HIS ANGELS" Angels — protect us from a natural hurt, as for instance falling over a stone.

## Women's League Activities MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

November 23rd

We expect every member who has paid her dues to be our Guest We expect every new member to be our Guest

#### **Financial Secretary**



Mrs. Harry C. Soffer

We hope that as many women as possible will be our guests at the Women's League forthcoming Membership Luncheon which will take place on Monday, November 23rd in our Synagogue Ballroom. Your paidup dues card is your admission to this function. Anne Soffer, Financial Secretary, is eagerly awaiting your checks. Mail your dues to the Syna-

gogue or pay your dues at our next

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Chairman, and Mrs. Harry Ward, Co-Chairman of Membership are arranging for a delicious lunch and a very exciting program for the afternoon, plus some very interesting door gifts.

PAY YOUR DUES IMMEDIATELY. DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL

EVENT.

## GYM PROGRAM FOR OUR YOUTH

This Monday evening, October 26th, will mark the beginning of our athletic program of the season. Under the leadership of Ira Tumpowsky our athletic teams will meet every Monday evening from 7:00-9:30 P.M. in the gymnasium of JHS 44 (across the street from our Synagogue).

In order to join our gym program you will need an identification card at the door. This membership card may be obtained from my office in person on Sunday or by phone, or through mail.

## 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 Before .....5:45 Friday Evening Service ......5:50 Saturday — Shemini Atzeres Morning Service (Yizkor) .....8:00 Junior Congregation ......10:40 At Home — Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein 3 to 5:30 Mincha The Sabbath Terminates ......6:37 Light Festival Candles After ......6:37 Sunday — Simchas Torah Morning Service ..... Sunday Mincha .....5:50 Holiday Terminates .......6:35 Daily Services Monday and Thursday Mornings ......6:45, 7:45, 8:30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings .....6:45, 7:45, 8:15 Mincha ..... Followed by the Explanation of the

## Pahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Oct.	Tishri	
24	22	Mamie Stein Samuel Goldlust
26	24	Leah Kaplan Bernard Rothblatt
29	27	Goldie Cohen Isaac Settel

## GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our congregational gratitude for their efforts in helping maintain decorum at our High Holiday services to the Head Junior Usher Stanley Kaplan, and to Harry Gaines, James Herlands and Herbert Perlman; and for their highly successful ushering at our overflow services to our Directors Harry Appel and Joseph Settel and to Mr. Jules Cohen. The inspirational leadership of our services in our Main Ballroom were due in no small measure to the noble efforts of Messrs. Alexander M. Golden and Gabriel F. Goldstein and assisted by Mr. Isaac Perlman . . . The judicial influence of our Conaregation has now spread to the West Coast with the appointment of Herbert S. Herlands, brother of our Director Judge William B. Herlands of the U.S. District Court in New York, by California's Governor Pat Brown, as Judge for Orange County in that state. Heartiest Congratulations! . . . We have been vicariously honored by the listing in this year's volume of "Who's Who in American Art" of our own Mr. Abraham Rosenthal, a painter of national fame . . . We point with pride to Mrs. Irving Kobrin who is Chairman of the Hadassah Membership Drive . . . Many thanks to Mr. Lee Kneitel for his donation of a case of wine to our Men's Club and to Mrs. Anna Simon for her donation of slippers for the Kohanim . . . Our special and heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Bernard Blankfort who today is celebrating his 86th birthday in good health, thank G-d, and is still active in his business . . . Mazel Tov to our Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein upon the Bar Mitzvah of Peter David, son of their children Professor and Mrs. Jesse L. Greenstein of Pasadena, California; and to our beloved Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh upon the birth of a daughter to their children Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Yavneh; and to our Women's League Board member Mrs. Philip Freeman upon the birth of Debra Ann to her children Mr. and Mrs. Ed Storch; and to Esther Werblud and Harvey Hepner who were married in our Synagogue . . . We were glad to see at our High Holy Day Services Israeli Consul General Simha Pratt and Consul David Rivlin . . . Bon Voyage to our Director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen upon their trip to Israel and Europe.

## **Birthday Greetings** Oct.

23—Rev. Chaim Schapiro Lois Jane Ullman

24—Kenneth Harris Glass Mrs. Michael Weingarten

25—Judith L. Bernstein Rabbi Abraham Burstein Anna Streit Gross David Heiser Mrs. Jack Levine

26-Michael Citron

28—Roy Hines Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum

29—Mrs. Arline Padawer Walter M. Shapiro

### **Anniversary Greetings**

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

28—Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Feinstein Mr. & Mrs. Harry Shalita

## HOLIDAY SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE

The holiday season is drawing to a close.

#### Shemini Atzeres

Shemini Atzeres, this Saturday, is the eighth day of "Solemn Assembly." Maimonides notes that since our rejoicing could not be complete sitting in a Succah, we were told to celebrate an additional holiday in our comfortable homes.

This Saturday, Ecclesiastes is chanted before the reading of the Torah. We call it the Book of Koheles in Hebrew because it begins with, "The words of Koheles, the son of David, king of Jerusalem." Anyone who reads this book with its wise sayings becomes imbued with a feeling of humility. Then too we must heed the final words of Koheles: "The end of the matter, all having been heard; fear G-d and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

#### Simchas Torah

On Simchas Torah, the rejoicing of the Law, we complete the reading of the Scroll of Law, and we begin the reading of it once again. This festive occasion is celebrated by seven joyous processions, "Hakofos" around the Synagogue. The Children join in the procession. It's the most joyous Holiday of all.

## LAST CALL FOR YOUNG BEGINNERS GROUPS

Our popular Sunday morning Kindergarten for boys and girls between 4-5½ years of age will begin the new season on Sunday morning, November 8th. It is very urgent that parents who are interested in this group should contact our Synagogue office at once.

The primary grade group still has some openings. It meets Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning. Our Hebrew School phone is TR 7-8281 or 8251.

#### YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE NEWS

The Young Adult League of the W.S.I.S. is holding its first general membership meeting on Sunday evening, October 25th, at 8:30 p.m. at the W.S.I.S. All men, age 22-36 and women, age 20-30 are invited to come down and join our group at that time. The program for the evening will include permanent election of officers with a social program to follow.

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