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## Israeli Diary Letter

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

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There is an interesting phenomenon here in Israel. Not only the religious but a large number of the irreligious people in Israel celebrate every Jewish holiday, but they stress a different phase of it. With regard to Shevuos, the religious people emphasize the receiving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. The irreligious element, particularly the agriculturists, emphasize the "bringing of the first fruits", which was obligatory in the days of the Temple. And so there is a custom for hundreds of children to come to the courtyard of the Jewish Agency building in Jerusalem each holding in their arms some produce of the fields, exemplary fruits and vegetables and in a limited degree examples of the animal kingdom, such as chicks, etc. All these "first fruits" are sold to parents, who come with the children, and the money is turned over to the Jewish National Fund. In this connection I must tell you about the "Jewish consciousness" curriculum in the State schools, that is, the regular public schools — not the religious ones). This course of study includes prayers, the weekly Bible portion, customs and ceremonies and Diaspora Jewry. The introduction last year of this surprising program, coming as it did from the irreligious element of the people, was prompted by the fact that the new generation in Israel was becoming completely secularized and completely oblivious to the historic and cultural background of the Jewish nation whose origin dates back thousands of years. The point is made that Jewish awareness serves as a link between the secular and the religious elements and between Israel and Jews abroad.

In the 5 hour discussion which took place in the Knesset, the other day, due to the fact that the irreligious element wished to have this program removed from the public schools,

## Are The Anti-Semitic Outbreaks

### Organized Or Spontaneous Pranks?

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st TO  
FEATURE SPEAKER FROM ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE.**

## Teenagers Please Take Note

Another teenage Youth Conclave sponsored by The Yeshiva University Synagogue Council Youth will be held during the weekend of March 4th, in Passaic, New Jersey.

This event will see teen-agers from more than 30 cities in the area come together for a dynamic experience in Jewish living.

The program combines educational, religious, social and recreational elements and features stimulating panels and discussions on current Jewish issues, guest personalities and workshops in leadership skills-programming, etc.

This is a project of the Yeshiva University Youth Bureau which seeks to establish units of informed, educated and observant Jewish youth in the Synagogue and centers of the country.

The nominal cost of \$11.50 includes lodging, accommodations and program materials.

For further details you may contact Rabbi Reichel's office.

one of the speakers referred to the problem posed by irreligious teachers saying "Some teachers introduced a lesson by saying: 'Today we shall study so-and-so. We are required to, but I myself don't believe in it'. Nobody was asking the teacher to explain his philosophy of life.

The recent world wide wave of anti-semitic outbreaks of swastika paintings and cemetery desecrations which upset every Jew and decent citizen of every race and creed, will be the main topic of discussion at an open meeting of the Men's Club on Monday night, February 1st at 8:30 P.M.

The Men's Club has been very fortunate to secure for this occasion a man who is well versed and informed on this topic to speak and answer questions from the audience. He is a well known attorney, chairman of the Speakers' Bureau of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, a former member of the New York City Police Department, and a member of the Mayor's Committee on Puerto Rican affairs. His name is Shephard Kole. Mr. Sanford Solarz, Attorney and Contributor of the "Getting Personal" Column of our Review will introduce the speaker.

We are sure that everyone in our Synagogue, both men and women, will not want to miss this opportunity to become better informed on this most vital issue affecting every Jew. We are also most positive that not only will you attend, but that you will participate in the question and answer period. Our country and the world in general is in great need of an enlightened citizenry that is alert and alarmed at the first symptoms of any social disease which if not stamped out immediately turns the world into a holocaust and nightmare which our catastrophic experience with nazism proved to be.

Admission to this event is absolutely free and is open to both men and women. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.





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### EXTRACT FROM RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S SERMON OF LAST WEEK

The United States is dealing two facedly with Israel. On the one hand the United States calls upon Egypt not to boycott the ships of Israel from passing through the Suez Canal and on the other hand it permits our Navy to sanction a contract containing a boycott against Israel shipping.

This Navy boycott of Israel means a State Department boycott, a United States boycott. As an American, I am disturbed as to what our children will think of the double-dealing policy of our country. I am reminded of the Psalmist who said, "High sounding words are in their throats but the dagger is in their hands."

Once more we are faced with the problem of oil. Our State Department, yea even more our revered President D. Eisenhower must determine whether we want to exchange equity for convenience, justice for compromise. In all my forty-six years as a Rabbi I have never been so concerned about the relationship of our Government to the Jewish people as is revealed by this Navy Contract. The Jewish people of this country can be moved to feel unsafe when such clandestine arrangements can be made.

As a religious teacher it behooves me to say forthrightly to the heads of our Government that up to date America has been safe because it has been a friend of the downtrodden. I am afraid that our safety no longer is impregnable and that the United States may be questioned as to the future safety of the Jew in America.

## THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

### The "Vah-Yitayn L'chaw" Prayer

(Continued)

**"WHEN THOU SHALT EAT THE LABOR OF THINE HANDS, HAPPY SHALT THOU BE, AND IT SHALL BE WELL WITH YOU."**

This refers to one who works or carries on his business honestly. The Rabbis in the Talmud say that when we shall pass out of this world, among other things that shall be asked, are, "Hast thou set aside time for the study of the Torah; Has thou carried on thy business with integrity."

The Rabbis in the Talmud further ask the question, "Why the repetition of the thought in the statement, HAPPY SHALT THOU BE AND IT SHALL BE WELL WITH THEE?" They answer, "Happy shalt thou be in this world (for your integrity) and it will be well with thee in the world to come."

#### "THE WORK OF THY HANDS"

According to Maimonides, this may be a reference to the preparation for marriage, namely one is to be gainfully employed and then is to get married, as the Bible puts it in Deuteronomy, Chapter 20.

**"THY WIFE SHALL BE AS A FRUITFUL VINE, IN THE PROCESSES OF THINE HOUSE."**

Her influence shall be like a vine, whose leaves are far from the root. The root, meaning the wife, is in her place, but her influence spreads over the whole household.

**"THY CHILDREN SHALL BE LIKE OLIVE PLANTS."**

Olives cannot be grafted. In other words, thy children shall be like the parents and shall not be assimilated by others.

**"BEHOLD, כֵּן כִּי (KEY CHAYN), BE BLESSED."**

The sum of Hebrew letters for "KEY CHAYN," are namely 20+10+20+50=100. From this we infer that we are to say every day 100 blessings and become blessed.

**"MAY THE L-RD BLESS THEE OUT OF ZION: MAYST THOU SEE THE GOOD OF JERUSALEM."**

Even if G-d blesses us we should be sure to do something for the community — for Jerusalem. And then, as the next verse has it,

**"YEA, MAYST THOU SEE THY CHILDREN'S CHILDREN."**

And even if your own family is religiously loyal then do something for other children as well. Furthermore, it will make for the religious safety of your children because of the healthy environment that you have created and then, as we read in the next verse:

**"PEACE SHOULD BE UPON ISRAEL."**

The word "SHALOM," meaning both peace and "well being" upon Israel.

### The Blessing In Regard To The New Moon

**"AND DECREE AN APPOINTED TIME HE GAVE THEM"** Every month, when the cycle of the moon begins, and every year, when the earth begins to revolve around the sun, we proclaim, in prayer, that G-d instituted the Natural Laws.

**"THAT THEY SHOULD NOT DEVIATE FROM THEIR CHARGE"** We declare that they (the sun and the moon) do not change their course or task.

**"PERFORMING THE WILL OF THEIR CREATOR"** They perform their tasks daily as the will of their Creator, and not as some philosophers declare that G-d created the world and then let it go as it pleases. No, the world is guided by G-d's Natural Laws.

(To Be Continued)



## Women's League Activities

COME TO OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR  
MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN,  
CHILDRENS' VILLAGE LUNCHEON AND CARD PARTY



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The luncheon honoring our beloved Rebbitzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, will be held this year on **Monday, February 29th at 12 noon in our Synagogue Grand Ballroom.** The nominal sum of \$5.00 will entitle you to a succulent lunch, gifts and surprises, and an enjoyable afternoon of games. It will also afford you the pleasure of saying "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Goldstein and doing a good turn for orphaned children in Israel.

**Mrs. Walter Freeman**, treasurer of



**Gifts Chairman**  
**Mrs. Emanuel Goodman**

this luncheon, advises you not to miss this most important and enjoyable afternoon. She asks you to make your reservations and send in your checks to the Synagogue immediately.

**Mrs. Emanuel Goodman**, gift chairman of this luncheon, asks you to please send in to the Synagogue your donation of a gift, for our Treasure Chest, or bring it with you to our next Women's League Meeting.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 1st.

**Mrs. Aladar Bernath, Mrs. David Elkins, Mrs. Philip Freeman, and Mrs. Samuel Goldberg** cordially invite the members of the Executive Board of our Women's League to a Luncheon and Meeting on **Monday, February 1st** in our **Synagogue Club-**

**room at 12:30 P.M.** This will be a very important meeting as our Children's Village Luncheon is drawing near and the Chairman, **Mrs. Frank Taks**, has a great many details to discuss with the Board.

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

Light Candles Friday Evening Before ...4:49

Weekly Portion: Vaw-ay-raw

Exodus 6:2-9:35 Numbers 28:9-15

Isaiah 66:1-2

Friday Evening Service .....5:00

Chumosh and Rashi with

Mr. Lawrence Kobrin .....8:15

Saturday Morning Service .....8:40

Junior Congregation .....10:40

Chazanin: Aaron Reichel

Joel Wachs

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) .....3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....3:15

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class .....3:15

Mincha .....4:15

Reader of Torah: Raimund Ward

Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath Terminates .....5:40

### Daily Services

Sunday Morning .....7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Monday and Thursday

Mornings .....6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mornings .....6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha .....5:05

Followed by the Explanation of the  
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

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## GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

We are looking forward to a tremendous outpouring of hosts of friends of our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein at the testimonial celebration to be given in honor of his coming 70th birthday and his inspirational child "The World Academy in Jerusalem" in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Plaza at a seated reception this Sunday night, January 31st at 8 P.M. . . . Welcome home from Florida to our Director and Mrs. Frank Frohmann and to our Director and Mrs. Jess Ward . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to our Director and Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg, Mr. Meyer Pargament, Dr. Nathan Settler and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Harry Perlman . . . Mazel Tov to our members Hon. and Mrs. Albert Wald upon the birth of Richard Ben to their children Mr. and Mrs. Morton Amster; and much of the same to Mr. and Mrs. David Gertz upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Aaron; and more of the same to Susan Neuthaler and Herbert Poster who were married in our Synagogue. Congratulations are in order to the ushers and the Congregation as a whole for the improved decorum at our Sabbath Services.

### Birthday Greetings

#### Jan.

- 29—Mrs. Arthur Udell  
30—Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein  
Eliot Herbert Kamerman  
Mark Linker  
Aaron Israel Reichel  
Laurie Sue Udell  
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  
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### Anniversary Greetings

- 29—Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Cohen  
30—Mr. & Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg  
1—Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Klein

## Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late esteemed member, **Abraham B. Block.**

## Reminder

## Bazaar in March

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Cordially,

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE

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| 2 | 4 | Gusti Brandt<br>David Koopman               |
| 3 | 5 | Louis Eiss                                  |
| 4 | 6 | Sally N. Davis                              |
| 5 | 7 | Fanny Lipman<br>Max Prakin<br>Dianne Hirsch |

## TEENAGERS!!

For a very pleasant and enlightening discussion hour we invite you to join Mr. Lawrence Kobrin's group this Sunday morning, January 31st at 11:30 o'clock. The Book currently being discussed is "This is My G-d" by Herman Wouk.

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