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FROM THE ISRAELI DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

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The other day, Miss Epstein, the Mizrahi Women's tourist guide, called for me and took me to the Mizrahi Women's Settlement House in Bakaa, which is on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Here between 350 and 375 boys and girls, between the ages of 6 and 15 come after school. First they are given a sandwich and a glass of milk; then, under the guidance of excellent leaders they are interestingly occupied and entertained and kept out of mischief. They are divided into different groups, some singing and dancing, some playing games, some doing arts and crafts work, some practicing in a fife and drum band, etc. It is remarkable to see how well behaved the children are, coming as most of them do, from almost uncivilized countries. This is a great tribute to the training ability of the leaders.

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F A R E W E L L



Morris Jablow

The beginning of 1961 marks the retirement of our Secretary and Executive Director who has given us faithful and dedicated service since 1937.

We wish him many years of pleasant relaxation with his good wife who has also given her services to our institution.

We hope that they will continue their interest in serving the community.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR OPERA TICKET SELLERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE



Alexander Rauchman
Leading Salesman for the
W.S.I.S. Benefit Performance

Our Synagogue is indeed proud to count among its members and true friends such dedicated worshippers as Mr. Alexander Rauchman. Not only is he the champion ticket seller for our Opera Benefit, but he has the added distinction of outdoing his record of last year. Mr. Rauchman has chalked up to his credit the sale of ten percent of all our tickets. Our Directors Herman H. Cohen and Jacob Kaplan, who serve as Co-Chairmen of our Opera Committee, and are likewise our leading ticket sellers, will be delighted to see many more of our friends imbued with the spirit of service as exemplified by the outstanding efforts of Mr. Rauchman.

May we also take this occasion to heartily thank the runners-up in the sale of tickets this year: President Lester Udell, Directors, Harry Altman, Samuel K. Beier, Maurice Greenstein, Carl Grossberg, H. William Hirsch, Edward Jacobs, Jonas Leisten, Morris Levine, George Pauker, Joseph L. Rosenberg, Joseph Settel, Frank L. Taks, Max J. Zimmer, Messers. Bruno Bayer, Geza Fischer, Jacob Goldberg, Fred Goldstein, Dr. Godel Hunter, Max Kochen, Alex Moskowit, Max Selsky, Jack Spiro, Mmes. Anna Diamond, Jennie Slayton, and Miss Rose Schwager.

Need we remind our readers that our Opera Benefit, "La Gioconda," will take place on Sunday, January 15th. We hope to see you all there.

YOU HAVE UNTIL SUNDAY MORNING TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

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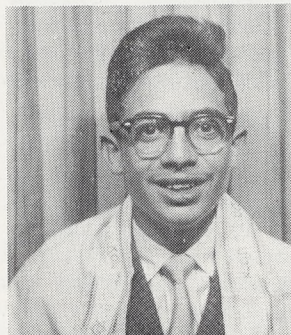
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BAR MITZVAH



Seth Michael Goldstein

Our heartiest congratulations to our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein and to Mrs. Bessie Ginsberg, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Seth Michael Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein, which was celebrated in our Synagogue last week.

Seth is a student in the Manhattan Day School.

"INTERMEDIATES" CLUB

Boys and girls, 15 and 16 years of age, will meet this Sunday afternoon, at 1:00 o'clock in our Game Room, with their new Club Advisor, Mr. Avie Waxman. Refreshments will be served.

Future plans for this group include outings, bowling parties, visits to historic sites, etc.

Young people in our neighborhood will be glad to learn about this club. Kindly invite them to come. There is no charge to join our youth groups.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

HAGGADAH AND ITS INTERPRETATIONS

BUT THE L--D OUR G-D BROUGHT US FORTH THENCE WITH A STRONG HAND AND AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM.

It was necessary to use strong means to free the Israelites at this time through their bondage. They were so saturated in the 49 of the 50 degrees of impurities in Egypt that if it were not for the goodness of G-d in freeing them at this time, they would have been entirely lost. This also explains the reason why we were redeemed earlier than the original schedule of 400 years. We were actually redeemed 210 years after Jacob came into Egypt.

AND THE MORE ONE DWELLS ON THE STORY OF THIS EXODUS THE GREATER HIS MERIT.

The more one learns and finds out about the exodus it shows how high and exalted he becomes, because he sees from the exodus the mental and spiritual freedom attained. The more we explain every angle of the exodus, it shows our interest which indicates our love for our people and our faith which makes us more praiseworthy.

BLESSED BE THE INFINITE G-D, BLESSED BE HE.

"Blessed be He who is giving the Torah to His people Israel, blessed be He!" The word Baruch is mentioned here four times as an introduction to the four children. The question is, what is the praise to say that one child is wicked and another is unable to ask.

First of all the holiday of the Exodus is a children's holiday. Second, no young person is to be considered lost. We need patience and in the long run we are rewarded and every child that we have becomes a blessing.

FROM A READER IN CALIFORNIA

December 25, 1960

My dear Rabbi Goldstein:

Your W.S.I.S. REVIEW reached me through Mr. Philip Gertner . . . I enjoyed reading the publication immensely. It is refreshing . . . You are to be commended for such a diversified and well executed program of things pertaining to Judaism . . .

I would feel proud and privileged if you would send your publication to me. Your weekly message would be of great interest.

Enclosed please find check for one dollar covering subscription costs.

Your issue dated 11/25/60 is before me. I note the item concerning your book, BETWEEN THE LINES OF THE BIBLE, relating to the 613 Commandments, a very interesting subject indeed.

Again thanking you for this courtesy, I remain,

Very Faithfully,
 Jack J. Dubin

JEWISH EDUCATION IN OUR DAY

It can hardly be said that we have neglected the general education of our children. Never before have the opportunities for education been so universal. This only serves to sharpen the contrast with Jewish religious education. Never before has there been such widespread ignorance of Jewish life, laws, and traditions. The point has been reached where Judaism, as a religious identity, is threatened with extinction—through ignorance!

The happiness of your children depends on the full understanding of all the facts in their lives — and primary among these is their Jewish religious heritage.

Don't deny them the opportunity for a fuller understanding of themselves, their people, their religion. Don't deny them the chance for a Jewish education.

Enroll them NOW—in our Talmud Torah. Call our Principal this week.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

MRS. EMANUEL GOODMAN, MRS. WINNIE PACK, MRS. SAMUEL SCHNEIDER AND MRS. HARRY SOFFER TO BE HOSTESSES ON JANUARY 9th

Mesdames Goodman, Pack, Schneider and Soffer cordially invite the **Executive Board Members** to be their guests at a **Luncheon and Meeting on Monday, January 9th at 12:30 P.M.** in our **Women's League Clubroom**. Please notify your hostesses if you cannot attend.

Kindly make every effort to attend this meeting as we need your ideas and suggestions for our future functions.

ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

Guests are Welcome

Saturday, 3:00 P.M.

Mishnah Class with Mr. Seymour Ukeles, 2nd Floor.

Sunday, 10:00 A.M.

High School Class in Hebrew and Jewish History, with Mr. Avie Waxman, 5th Floor.

Sunday, 1:00 P.M.

"Intermediates" (15-16 year old boys and girls), in our Game Room, 6th Floor.

GYM PROGRAM

Our young men are most welcome to participate in the athletic program at the Jewish Center Gymnasium, 131 West 86th Street.

Boys between the ages of 12 and 15 may join the gym program on Sundays from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Young men over 16 may visit the gym on Thursday evenings.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON TO TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 6th



**Mrs. Frank L. Taks
Chairman**

We are very happy to welcome as Chairman of our Children's Village Luncheon our own **Sophie Taks**, who has once again accepted the leadership of this function. From past performances we know that this is one event that no one should miss. Sophie asks each and everyone of you for your cooperation in selling tickets, helping formulate plans, and doing everything that you can to assure success in the celebration of the birthday of our Rebbitzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein.

YOU MAY JOIN OUR WEEKLY ADULT HEBREW CONVERSATION COURSE

Tuesday Nights at 8:00

Funeral Practices

Judaism is concerned with the true purpose of the burial rites. In time of tragedy, great care should be taken that the following rules are observed:

1. The deceased should be provided with a religious attendant (shomer).
2. There must be proper "taharah" or washing of the body by religiously qualified persons.
3. The body must be dressed in the traditional "tachrichim" (shrouds).
4. A simple wooden coffin should be used.
5. There should be no public viewing of the body.
6. The question of embalming which is a very common practice, should be referred to the Rabbi.
7. Flowers and music are not permissible.
8. The law requires that a tear be made in the garment of the mourner. For this purpose a jacket, vest, sweater or dress should be used. The "ribbon" does not satisfy the requirements of the law and should not be used.
9. Burial should always be in the ground. The grave must be completely filled in, before leaving the funeral service.
10. There must be no Sabbath violation in the preparations for the funeral.
11. The burial should take place as soon as possible after death.

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W. S. I. S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday
 Evening Before4:26
 Weekly Portion: Shmos
 Friday Evening Service4:30
 Saturday Morning Service8:50
 Junior Congregation10:40
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:00
 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class.....3:00
 Mr. Seymour Ukeles' Mishnah Class 3:00
 Mincha4:00
 Reader of Torah: George Linker
 Reader of Service: Roger Linker
 The Sabbath Terminates5:20
Daily Services
 Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45
 Monday and Thursday
 Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
 Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:15
 Mincha4:40
 Wednesday Night
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....8:00

Friday, January 13th
 Light Candles Before4:33
 Mincha4:40

Saturday, January 14th
 Morning Service8:45

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. William P. Goldman upon the passing of his wife, **Gertrude L. Goldman**; to Mr. Abraham Greenberg upon the passing of his wife, **Galia Greenberg**; to Mrs. Rose Brenner, upon the passing of her brother, **Henry Emanuel Freedman**; to our member, Mr. Isidor Goldstein, upon the passing of his brother, **Louis Goldstein**.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Following the Sabbath Mincha services, our worshippers join in the traditional "Seuda Shlisith" (the third Sabbath meal) and recite the "motzei" and partake of some fish, cookies and tea. Usually Rabbi Reichel discusses briefly some aspect of the weekly reading of the Torah. Our host this Saturday afternoon will be Mr. Murry Cumsky . . . Welcome back from Florida to our Director Abraham M. Druckman, Director and Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar and their son, Abraham . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Lee Kneitel.

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Birthday Greetings

January

- 6—Maurice Spanbock
- 7—Isadore Baskowitz
Mrs. Albert H. Colin
Louis Goldner
- 8—Director Joseph Anderson
Daniel Jesselson
- 9—Mindy Sue Abramson
Director Abraham M. Druckman
Miriam Sarah Reichel
- 10—Mrs. Stella Diamond
Richard Grossman
- 12—Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel

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Anniversary Greetings

- 10—Mr. & Mrs. Arthur B. Gottlieb
- 11—Director & Mrs. Ben Glazer
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Weiss

WELCOME, "BRUCHIM HABOIM"

We are delighted to note that many new families are moving into our neighborhood.

Should you know of newcomers in our midst, please invite them to our Services and to our social activities listed in the columns of the Review.

Our Rabbis will be glad to personally welcome our new neighbors. Kindly send us their names, addresses and phone numbers.

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Besides the clubrooms, there are carpentry, iron work, arts and crafts shops, sewing classes for girls as well as a library and reading room where many of the children do their homework.

There is a room with the walls completely covered with banners, which the children received for excellency in sport contests with outside groups. One banner was presented to their settlement house by the Government and states that the clubs here are the best in Jerusalem.

In the evening, when the younger children go home, boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 18, who work during the day, come for night school, as well as for social and cultural activities.

Since this institution is situated in a district where the Christian missionaries are very active, it serves a most valuable and preventative purpose. Not far from this settlement house there is another most useful Mizrahi Women's project. It is a dormitory where girls who are graduates of the Bet Zeirot Mizrahi, students at the Bezalel school, students at the Teachers Seminary, at the Hebrew University or girls whose parents live in small communities far from Jerusalem, or who, for one reason or another have no place to stay in Jerusalem, are housed. Every day these girls take care of getting their own meals, but for Shabbat, a woman comes in and cooks for them, and they all eat together, so that they get a real Sabbath atmosphere.

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