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FROM THE ISRAELI DIARY

OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Yesterday was my last Sabbath in the Machon Synagogue, for this season, and I uttered a special prayer that G-d should let me live to come back here again, next summer, P.G. I was impressed once again with the striking similarity between the order of the service of the prayers in the Synagogue, here, and that in the W.S.I.S. As far as I could tell, there is only one difference and that is the fact that the Sabbath morning service includes DUCHENEN (the priestly blessing) twice, once at the end of each SHMONEH ESRAY. The Machon Service is Ashkenazic, but in the Sefaradic Synagogues and especially in the Persian, Bukharian, Yemenite and other sects, there are many variations.

A historic step was taken in the Knesset last week when it reaffirmed its "Jewish Consciousness Studies Program" which was passed in the Knesset two years ago. Some of the irreligious members of the Knesset are very much averse to this program and hoped that they could get this policy annulled and withdrawn from the Public Schools, as it has an element of religion in it. However, their efforts were overruled.

The Knesset regards the implanting of Jewish consciousness, in the youth, as one of the effective educational means of preserving the unity of the Jewish people and its historical continuity. Every boy and girl, in the elementary schools, spends over 3,000 hours in the 8 year period, studying Jewish subjects. These include Hebrew language, Bible, Agada, literature, geography of Israel, Jewish history, and the events leading up to statehood. In secondary schools, between 1,300 and 2,000 hours are devoted to these subjects, with the addition of Talmud and Jewish thought.

"When, in what generation and in what country have all Jewish chil-

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START THIS WEEK

SABBATH SERVICES — 8:50 A.M.

REMEMBER OUR PURIM BAZAAR, MARCH 5th

Our Men's Club and Mr. and Mrs. League are again co-sponsoring a Gala Bazaar on the Sunday following Purim, March 5th.

The proceeds of the Bazaar go to provide scholarships to the Hebrew School and otherwise aid our varied programs.

In the past many of our friends have been very generous in contributing merchandise for the Bazaar. The success of this event depends on your continued cooperation for an ample supply of varied merchandise.

Packages may be sent to our Synagogue building, marked "Attention of BAZAAR COMMITTEE," — or call TR 7-8281 and leave word when our volunteers may pick up your packages.

Please note that gifts of merchandise, up to their retail resale price, is a permissible deduction for tax purposes.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST TO MEET WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th

The Buddy Friedman Post #297 of the Jewish War Veterans will meet this Wednesday night at 9:00 o'clock in the Men's Club Gold Room, Dr. Frank E. Fink, Commander of the Post, announced.

New members are always welcome.

FOR THE RECORD

It was not so long ago that we appealed to our readers through these columns for loans to help cover the cost of the construction of our new annex and expanded ballroom. Our heartfelt thanks to all who co-operated so generously.

At the time we promised to make good on the notes in two years. We are gratified to report that we have kept our word.

The fact that we have met our obligations is a testimony to the responsible role of our Synagogue, which is indeed worthy of our spiritual heritage.

Our institution still has many financial commitments which require the whole-hearted support and encouragement of our Congregational family. We trust that our friends will continue their interest and confidence in the W.S.I.S.

ESPECIALLY FOR TEEN-AGERS

Boys and girls of post Bar Mitzvah age are invited to our popular Sunday morning High School class. They will enjoy brushing up on their Hebrew knowledge and reviewing the highlights of Jewish history. These sessions begin at 10:00 A.M. Join your friends this Sunday.



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REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS RE FORTHCOMING MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Have you returned the postal card which accompanied Rabbi Reichel's personal invitation to you? Your early acknowledgment will be appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We would like to congratulate our January graduates in the Congregational family. Kindly send us the facts this week for publication.

DONOR HOMES FOR CHILDREN IN ISRAEL (Continued)

Bruno Bayer, Harry Bloom, Lawrence Cohen, Abraham M. Druckman, Max and Rose Heller and Anna Heller Foundation, Emanuel B. Jacobs, Joseph Landowne, Jonas Leisten, Daniel Reisman, Aaron Rosen, Louis A. Rosenstein, Henry Straus, Estelle Weinstein.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL DUTCH SUPPER

All our readers are invited to a Dutch Supper and Entertainment at the Manhattan Day School on Sunday evening, January 29th, at 6:30 P.M. The school is located at 110 Manhattan Avenue, corner of 104th Street.

Our own Mrs. Charles Goldner is Chairman of this event.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Isidore Scharfman upon the passing of his brother, **Herman Scharfman.**

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

HAGGADAH AND ITS INTERPRETATIONS

THE רשע

The Haggadah published by the National Jewish Welfare Board translates the רשע as the sceptic. I think this is a mistake. A sceptic or a doubter does not necessarily mean that he is a רשע or a wicked person. I think if we use the word "impudent" we come closer to the meaning of רשע. He is impudent and as the Haggadah put it he tells us, "Why do you have this burden . . .?" "Yours" not his, and also by him not mentioning G-d, he seems to deny Him; and removes himself from Him and his people.

The difference between the "wise" and the "impudent" child is that the wise wants to know his duties to perform them, while the impudent is irked by our laws and regard them as so much inconvenience, as a terrible burden.

THOU SHALL TAUNT HIM. The Hebrew has, "Thou shall smite his teeth." I think symbolically this is closer than the translation, "Thou shall taunt him." It may mean that we have him realize that he is only a child (with child's teeth) and to speak accordingly. Thus the Haggadah says, "And thou shall tell thy son in that day saying that it is because of that which the L-rd did to me when I went out from Egypt," that to be a Jew and to have been privileged to be freed from Egyptian bondage and to have been brought to Mt. Horeb or Sinai was a great "Zchoos" and privilege.

TO ME NOT TO HIM, FOR HAD HE BEEN THERE HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REDEEMED. There is a great personal privilege to be a descendent of those who experience the Revelation of the Torah and to be willing to follow it. If he, the רשע with his present state of mind, would have been there he would not have been redeemed.

THE SIMPLE

AND IT SHALL BE THAT WHEN IN TIME TO COME THY SON SHALL ASK THEE, SAYING "WHAT IS THIS?", THOU SHALT SAY TO HIM, "WITH STRENGTH OF HAND THE L-RD BROUGHT US OUT FROM EGYPT FROM THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE." — A SIMPLE ANSWER TO A SIMPLE QUESTIONER.

The simple child is the son of the wise child. At least there is some spark left in him from his environment at home. He does not fathom as deeply as the wise, his father. We are to tell him the history of the Jewish people so as to inspire him to participate in the weal of his people.

THE CHILD UNABLE TO ASK

THOU SHALT TELL HIM ON THAT DAY, SAYING, "IT IS BECAUSE OF THAT WHICH THE L-RD DID TO ME WHEN I WENT FORTH FROM EGYPT . . ." — EVEN THOUGH THY SON ASK NOT.

The Hebrew words for thou shalt tell him are אַתָּה פֶּתַח לוֹ. The word אַתָּה is a feminine form. The word פֶּתַח is a masculine form. In other words with this type of son both the mother and the father must jointly do their best discreetly to make him interested. This type is entirely disinterested in his people. The emphasis here is on practice and not on theory. He must be told of our ceremonies so that he shall become inquisitive and eager to know. It is wise to place interesting books about Judaism around the house so that his curiosity may be aroused to open them and perhaps be influenced by them. Another method is to have him accompany you to listen to inspiring speakers and perhaps become inspired by them.

YOU MAY JOIN OUR WEEKLY ADULT HEBREW
CONVERSATION COURSE — TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!!! DO NOT MISS IT!!

Come and bring your friends to the next **Open Meeting** of the Women's League on **Monday, January 30th, at 12:30 P.M.**, at the **Synagogue** and hear a report of the monumental and historic 25th World Zionist Congress held in Jerusalem recently, by an active participant, **Mrs. Belle Goldstein**, Honorary President of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

Coffee and cake will be served.

Mrs. Walter Freeman will preside.

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RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TODAY TO HONOR OUR REBBITZEN

Treasurers of the Children's
Village Luncheon



Mrs. Walter Freeman



Mrs. Leopold Hirsch

Shirley Freeman and Ethel Hirsch are anxiously awaiting your reservations for our Children's Village Luncheon to honor Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein. **The price of admission is \$5.00.** Invite your relatives and friends to a gay, glamorous Birthday Party where, at the same time, they will be doing a good deed for orphan children in Israel.

Keep in mind the following **important date:**

MONDAY, MARCH 6TH — CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON HONORING THE BIRTHDAY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Israeli Diary

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dren learned Jewish subjects the way they are learning them in the elementary and secondary schools of the State of Israel," Mr. Aranne, the Minister of Education and Culture, asked, in the course of the discussions in the Knesset on this subject. Mr. Aranne made comments which give a clear picture of how a strong, purely national feeling, can include what appears to be a religious one. He said that the Jewish Consciousness Program is not education for religious but for national education. He could not understand the opposition of MAPAM AND ACHDUT HAAVODA (the irreligious parties), to the Siddur and Machsor, the repositories of so many hopes and aspirations of the Jewish people.

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Yesterday morning the overseer of our Children's Village came to see me and gave me a final report for this season. He said that the \$2,000 I brought from our Women's League Children's Village Luncheon

this year was being used to equip the recently erected beautiful kitchen-dining room building, with as complete a supply of modern accessories as our funds would allow. This will add much progress to the speed and efficiency of the culinary department of our Village. Mr. Shadmi, the Village overseer also told me that 150 very poor children from the Ma'abarot — the transit camps — were brought to our Children's Village, where they were given two weeks of excellent care and nourishment. These 150 children together with our 130 regular children were quite a job to take care of, but, he said, they managed it very well. Outdoor sleeping was necessary, as there were no sleeping facilities for housing 150 additional children — and it was good for the lungs of these little ones. He told me one more thing which made me very happy, namely, that we will shortly take in another 20 Youth Aliyah children, so that we will have a total of 150 children. Our Children's Village is growing in every respect, thank G-d.

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W. S. I. S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday

Evening Before4:40

Weekly Portion: Bo

Friday Evening Service4:45

Saturday Morning Service8:50

Junior Congregation10:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:20

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:20

Mr. Seymour Ukeles' Mishnah Class 3:20

Mincha4:20

Reader of Torah: Levi Pekier

Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan

The Sabbath Terminates5:35

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

Mincha4:55

Wednesday Night

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....8:00

Friday, January 27th

Light Candles Before4:48

Mincha4:50

Saturday, January 28th

Shachris8:50

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GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Congregation has been vicariously honored by the election of our revered Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein to the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, of whose Cultural Committee he is a member . . . Other honor came to us when our member, Mr. M. Morton Rubenstein, served as acting president of the Religious Zionists of America (Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi) for the past several weeks . . . The newly elected officers of our Men's Club got off to a most rousing and encouraging start, if we may judge from the unusually large and enthusiastic turnout of our members and friends at the recent Dinner and ceremonies dependent upon their installation. And if more of our male members and friends would join our Men's Club it will be given even still greater encouragement in its efforts to make this a banner year in the social and cultural life of our Congregation . . . Welcome home from Europe to Mr. and Mrs. William Wedeen . . . Bon Voyage on their southern cruise to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goldstein and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Max Selsky . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our members Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klein upon the forthcoming marriage in Antwerp of their son, George, to Adele Baum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Baum . . . Our get well wishes to Director George Gersony and Mrs. Esther Levy . . . Glad to see Mrs. Frank L. Taks at our Sabbath services following her recent illness . . . Many thanks to Director Carl Grossberg for his kind donation of "Snow-Melt" which came to good use during the recent snowstorm.

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

Birthday Greetings

January

- 20—Sol Brandes
Mrs. Minette Horowitz
21—Beth Esther Charney
Alan Jeffrey Cohen
Mrs. Maurice Goodgold
Joan Magdol
22—Mrs. Sigg Eisenberg
Douglas J. Reichlin
Roy Stuart Tumpowsky
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Jeffrey Sheppard Yudkoff
24—Mrs. Jacob Kaplan
25—Jack Goodman
Donald Jay Moses
Mrs. Bertha Warshauer
26—Sol Anstendig
Julian Jay Levy

PTA MEETING, FEBRUARY 1st

Our parents are urged to attend a very important meeting of our P.T.A. on Wednesday evening, February 1st, at 8:00 o'clock promptly. The program will provide time for conferences with our teachers. Refreshments will be served.

A NOTE TO OUR HEBREW SCHOOL PARENTS

One aspect of learning Hebrew is the mastery of reading Hebrew which is acquired only by practice. Our pupils are taught how to read in class, but our limited time cannot be spent for reviewing, which the pupils could do on their own. Will you kindly see to it that your children spend about 10 minutes a day in practice reading.

In order that our pupils utilize the maximum advantages of their Hebrew School curriculum, we need the cooperation of our parents.

We suggest that children be encouraged to recite appropriate prayers for the morning, after meals and before going to sleep. If some of our pupils do not make sufficient progress, tutoring may be required.

For this reason also we urge you to send your children to our Saturday Morning Junior Congregation, which meets at 10:40 o'clock. How else will children feel at home in a Synagogue if they are never introduced to a religious service on their level?

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