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CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM MARCH 31st & APRIL 1st



**Samuel Silver
Chairman**

Our President, Mr. Lester Udell, has announced the appointment of our Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Silver, to serve again as Chairman of the Synagogue Committee for the Passover Sedorim.

This year Passover will begin on Friday evening, March 31st. Our Congregational Sedorim on Friday and Saturday nights will be held at the Hotel Esplanade, 305 West End Avenue, at 74th Street. They will be conducted by Rabbi Goldstein, Rabbi Reichel and Cantor Chaim Greenfield.

Our services are conducted in a manner enabling our youth to appreciate the significance of the traditional celebration of Passover.

Please make your reservations early. The price per evening is \$11.50, including tips.

P.T.A. MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Gerard Benjamin, Acting President of our P.T.A., extends a cordial invitation to all our parents to attend a P.T.A. meeting on Wednesday evening, February 1st, at 8 o'clock.

The program for the evening will include election of officers and plans for our forthcoming Purim Carnival. Our parents will also have the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers.

Refreshments will be served.

THE MEMBERS OF THE W.S.I.S. AND THEIR WIVES

Are Cordially Invited to Attend a

MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, AT 10:30 A.M.

In Our Grand Ballroom

HAMISHA ASAR B'SHEVAT

WEDNESDAY

Hamisha Asar B'Shevat (the Fifteenth Day of the Hebrew month Shevat) is the Jewish "Arbor Day."

In the Talmud we find this day referred to as Rosh Hashonah L'Ilanos (New Year for Trees).

Hamisha Asar B'Shevat is observed by the eating of fruit products for which the Holy Land is noted, such as dates, figs, olives, pomegranates, grapes, almonds and carob, "bokser."

We set aside one of these fruits, which we have not as yet eaten during the year, for the purpose of saying the blessing of "Shehechiyanu."

In Israel the observance of this day is set aside also for the planting of new trees. The schools organize outings and tree planting ceremonies on this day. Attired in white and crowned with wreaths of fresh flowers, the pupils go forth into the wide, open fields where they rejoice over the planting of the trees with song and dance.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our Women's League will again provide the traditional fruit and goodies for our Hebrew School children in celebration of Hamisha Asar B'Shevat.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

Another of our Men's Club famous social get-togethers for all the members and friends of our Congregation will be held in our beautiful Social Hall on Monday, February 6th at 8:30 P.M.

Two thrilling motion pictures, "Israel Holiday" (Modern Israel as seen thru the Bible) and "Theodore Herzl" (Highlights in the life of the modern founder of Zionism), will be shown — following which there will be delicious refreshments. Please do not miss this exciting event. Some of the best things in life come free — this is one of them. We look forward to a record turnout.

OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATION

For the month of January Barry Halperin and Elliot Schwartz were elected President and Vice-President, respectively. Helen Pekier and Miriam Reichel will be the hostesses.

Bring your children to our Junior Congregation Saturday mornings at 10:40 o'clock. The children have refreshments following the service.

POST BAR MITZVAH CLASS MEETS

ON SUNDAYS, 10:00 A.M.

Come With Your Friends

Avie Waxman, Leader



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FROM THE ISRAELI DIARY

OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN JULY 19, 1959

After driving through the Hills of Judea, on the beautiful Israeli roads for about 1½ hrs., we reached the Weitzman Institute in Rechovoth. This is composed of a number of buildings where a vast amount of valuable and constructive research is being conducted continually. The Weitzman Institute is regarded as one of the outstanding scientific centers of Israel. On one part of the Institute Grounds a memorial park has been beautifully laid out. In the center of this park Chaim Weitzman, the founder of the Weitzman Institute and the first President of the State of Israel, has most appropriately been laid to rest. Then we went on to our next appointment which was at the Bar Ilan University, in Ramat Gan, where the son of the late Rabbi Meir Berlin, Dr. Tuvia Berlin, invited us for lunch. We had a most delicious lunch, as well as a close-up of where several hundred boys and girls (most of them from different parts of Israel and some from America) get a thorough education in practically all the subjects offered by American Universities of high standards. There are at present ten attractive looking buildings, including a dormitory, library, administration, laboratories, etc. The grounds are beautifully landscaped and show evidence of receiving scrupulous care. Then we went to the reception which Rabbi and Mrs. William Draz-

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

HAGGADAH AND ITS INTERPRETATIONS

SHALL WE HASTEN ON THE VERY FIRST OF THE MONTH TO RECOUNT THE EXODUS STORY?

The reason for this question is that beginning with the month of Nissan the redemption began, and there was a let-up in making the Jews serve with rigor.

IN THE BEGINNING OUR ANCESTORS WERE IDOLATERS

History is not an upward graph, it has its ups and downs. Modernity is not the answer. Today thinking men and women are ashamed of our modernity, when we think of the heads of our universities who were silent when the Nazis destroyed millions of our people. Beginning with our Patriarchs we had to undergo terrific hardships. Abraham with his neighbors, Isaac in regard to the wells which he dug and the Philistines filled with earth, Jacob with Essau and Laban. Our moderns are a reflection of antiquity, when the world was dominated by Paganism.

BLESSED BE HE WHO REDEEMS HIS PROMISE TO ISRAEL

We should expect no less of G-d then to keep His promise. The Hebrew word for keeping is שומר which means "noting", keeping in mind, watching. G-d not only kept His promise, but it pleased Him to do so. He was anxious to do so. He watched out, as it were, to do so. He reduced the years of the Exile in Egypt from 400 to 210 years.

in (formerly of Brooklyn, now permanent residents of Israel) gave in honor of Dad. There were many Israeli people there, who came to pay their respects to Dad.

Next we came to Christian Nazareth. We saw Arabs wearing long white robes with white shawls on their heads, hanging down their backs and tied around their heads with black scarves. In front of the Arab cafes men were lazily lounging around.

The population of Christian Nazareth is mostly Communist — not that they believe in Communism, but because it is the only party in Israel against Zionism, and that is just one more indication of their unfriendly feeling towards the Israelis. The Israelis on the other hand, specifically the Histadrut, for diplomatic reasons of course, tried to engender friendly feelings by erecting Shikunim for the Arabs.

Nazareth has always been associated in my mind with Christianity, and I was therefore very much surprised at the tremendous development of the Jewish part of Nazareth which was started only two years ago. Nazareth used to be populated completely by Christian Arabs, who were great-grandchildren of the Christian Crusaders. It was the largest completely Arab town in Israel. But Ben Gurion decided to Judaize it and put about 10,000 Jews there, mostly Rumanians and Polish. Ben Gurion felt that in case of war, he should have a large part of that

section friendly to Israel. He moved many government buildings from Tiberias where they were formerly and made Nazareth the capital of the Galil. He said that the only wall that can keep an enemy out is a human wall. For security reasons the official and government buildings were moved over into Jewish Nazareth.

Hospitals, schools, etc., were built and diverse means were used to increase the population of this area. To realize how recently some of these new immigrants arrived you have but to look at the packing cases which are still in front of some of the houses. The immigrants here seem to be of a higher social level, as is evidenced by the fact that most of them have curtains in their windows and most of them have gas. The government gives the people here apartments for nothing but they must obligate themselves to pay small monthly payments. There is a beautiful school and other public buildings here. Although there are overpowering numbers of new houses additional ones are being built for the expected arrival of additional new immigrants.

In spite of its being such a recent development, Jewish Nazareth has a great deal of industry. It can boast of a large textile factory, factories for making crates for packing fruit, a canning factory and even a large diamond factory. The government lends 10% of the requirements of investors for industrial purposes.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

REPORT ON MOMENTOUS AND HISTORIC RECENT ZIONIST CONGRESS

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an **OPEN MEETING** of our Women's League on **MONDAY, JANUARY 30th** in our **CLUBROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR**

Mrs. Samuel Goldstein, an Honorary President of Mizrahi's Women's Organization of America, who was an active participant in the recent 25th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, will be our guest speaker. This promises to be a most interesting and informative afternoon. **DON'T MISS IT!**

Coffee and cake will be served at 12:30. Please be prompt.

Mrs. Walter Freenman will preside. Mrs. Michael Weingarten will present the guest speaker.

MARCH 6th IS A VERY IMPORTANT DATE!!!

HONORARY CHAIRMEN



Mrs. Isidore Friedman



Mrs. Louis Shlansky

On this very important date, **MARCH 6th**, the Women's League and all their friends will celebrate the Birthday of our dearly beloved Rebbitzin, **MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN**, at our **CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON**. The Honorary Chairmen, **ADA FRIEDMAN** and **IDA SHLANSKY**, are alerting all of their relatives and friends to be present on this most wonderful day. They ask your cooperation to do the same. Furthermore, keep in mind that the more guests that you bring to Mrs. Goldstein's birthday party, the happier you will make the Guest of Honor. **SO . . .** get on the phone and ask your friends to reserve this date.

A LETTER WE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the USO Travelers Aid Center, I wish to thank you for your generous donation of tickets to the Metropolitan Opera on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1961 which were given to the servicemen who use our facilities.

It is indeed gratifying to know that you share with us the desire to

serve the large number of men of our Armed Forces who come into the city.

We hope for your continued interest as tickets are available in the future.

Again, many thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Riddell,
Director

BAZAAR IN MARCH

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

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Cordially,
Mr. and Mrs. League

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday

Evening Before 4:48

Weekly Portion: Beshalach

Friday Evening Service 4:50

Saturday Morning Service 8:50

Junior Congregation 10:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:25

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:25

Mr. Seymour Ukeles' Mishnah Class 3:25

Mincha 4:25

Reader of Torah: Larry Hecht

Reader of Service: Seymour Ukeles

The Sabbath Terminates 5:43

Daily Services

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

Monday and Thursday

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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

Mincha 5:00

Wednesday Night Rabbi

Pekier's Talmud Class 8:00

Friday, Feb. 3rd

Light Candles Before 4:57

Mincha 5:00

Saturday, Feb. 4th

Shachris 8:50

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, **Salomon M. Drukker**; to the family of **Rose Kass**.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Wish that we could escape our city's wintry blasts and join Mr. Emanuel Gluck on his departure for the Southland or Director and Mrs. Harry Altman on their trip to Mexico . . . Welcome home from points South to our Director and Mrs. Sol Bellsey, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky and Director and Mrs. Isaiah O. Zucker, and from Europe to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Stern . . . Our best wishes in their new home to our Director and Mrs. Max J. Zimmer . . . Good to have back Herbert Grosinger from his stint in our nation's Armed Forces . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mr. Charles Landes . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our Director and Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein and to Mrs. Natalie Weill, upon the forthcoming marriage of their grandson and son, Douglas Weill, to Barbara Braunspeigl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Braunspeigl; to Rubin Schimmel and Ann S. Hausdorff upon their recent marriage; and to Mrs. Leon Melohn upon the birth of a son to her children, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Melohn . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Paul Milstein . . . Mazel Tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gertner, upon the engagement of their son, Marshall, to Chana Rosenthal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Rosenthal of B'nei Brak, Israel.

Birthday Greetings January

- 27—Alexander Cohen
Henry L. Kessler
- 28—Peter Benjamin
- 29—Mrs. Arthur Udell
- 30—Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein
Elliot Herbert Kamerman
Mark Linker
Aaron Israel Reichel
Laurie Sue Udell
- 31—John D. Garrett
Mrs. Leopold Hirsch
Mrs. Jules Howard

February

- 1—Mrs. Rebecca H. Becker
Carol Ann Bernstein
Mrs. Ben Glazer

Anniversary Greetings

January

- 29—Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Cohen
- 20—Mr. & Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg
Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Wohl

February

- 1—Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Klein

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