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**ISRAELI DIARY OF  
MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN**

June 13th, 1960

We were very busy Saturday night and Sunday with phone-calls. Dad spoke on the Military Radio Saturday night and it was heard throughout the length and breadth of Israel. He was invited to come to Tel Aviv on Thursday for an interview which was tape-recorded at that time and was heard on the radio on Saturday night. The questions Dad was asked dealt with the cultural and religious life of the people in America and since that is in Dad's line he did very well.

I think I must have told you in previous years of the custom here to give every member of the Minyan at the MAARIV Services on Saturday night a branch of sweet smelling twigs for "HAVDALLAH." If this were done in New York it would be necessary to cut down a forest.

June 16th

Left the house with Dad at 8:30 this morning in a car sent by the UJA to show us some of their many noteworthy accomplishments in Israel.

We started off by way of Bayit  
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## OUR MEN'S CLUB

Presents

### "THE EICHMANN TRIAL"

Monday, May 1st at 8:30 P.M.

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## LAG B'OMER

This Thursday marks the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer and is known as Lag B'Omer. Lag is composed of the two Hebrew letters "lammed, gimmel" which considered as numerals, equal 33.

Lag B'Omer is considered as a minor holiday. Weddings and hair-cuts are permitted.

### Origins of the Celebration

Bar Kochba defeated the Romans on Lag B'Omer in his unsuccessful revolt (132-35 C.E.). During that same period, a plague broke out which raged among the disciples of Rabbi Akiba. On Lag B'Omer the epidemic ceased.

It is also celebrated as the yahrzeit of Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai, the author of the cabbalistic book "Zohar." In Israel many thousands make the pilgrimage to his grave to pray on this day.

## MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE

A Board meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. League will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gursky on Monday evening, May 1st.

## YOUTH SABBATH TO BE HELD MAY 6th

We are happy to announce that our young people will once again conduct the services in our Synagogue the week end of May 5th.

## STAMP CLUB

Mr. Jacob Goldberg wishes to remind our younger set that the next meeting of our stamp club will be held on Sunday, April 30th at 11:15 A.M.

Stamp collectors are invited to bring their collections as well as their duplicates for trading.





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

Light Candles Friday Evening

Before .....6:30

Weekly Portion:

Acharei Mos-Kedoshim

Friday Evening Service .....6:30

Saturday Morning Service .....8:50

Intermediate Congregation (11-13) 10:10

Junior Congregation (6-10) .....10:50

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....5:00

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class.....5:00

Mr. Seymour Ukeles's Mishnah Class

for Young People .....5:00

Mincha .....6:00

Reader of Torah: David Kahn

Reader of Service: Mervyn Frankel

Sayings of the Fathers — Chapter III

The Sabbath Terminates .....7:24

Turn Clock Ahead Saturday Night

#### Daily Services

Morning (Pessach Sheni - Tachnun

is not said) .....7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Monday and Thursday

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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

Mincha .....7:45

Wednesday Night

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

#### Friday Night, May 5th

Light Candles Before .....7:38

\*Mincha .....6:40

#### Saturday, May 6th

Shachris .....9:00

\* Those who usher in the Sabbath at an early hour should recite the full "Shma" and count the Omer after dark.

#### SEFIRA CHECK LIST

Week Beginning Friday, April 28th

- Friday night — 28 Omer
- Saturday night — 29 Omer
- Sunday night — 30 Omer
- Monday night — 31 Omer
- Tuesday night — 32 Omer
- Wednesday night — 33 Omer
- Thursday night — 34 Omer

# THE PRAYER BOOK

BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

## HAGGADAH AND ITS INTERPRETATIONS

### MATZOH

THIS UNLEAVENED BREAD WHICH WE EAT — WHAT DOES IT MEAN? BECAUSE THERE WAS NO TIME FOR THE DOUGH OF OUR ANCESTORS IN EGYPT TO BECOME LEAVENED BEFORE THE SUPREME KING OF KINGS, THE HOLY ONE, BLESSED BE HE, REVEALED HIMSELF AND REDEEMED THEM.

Matzoh is the symbol of freedom when G-d freed us from Egyptian bondage. His love toward Israel was so strong that he did not want to tarry and urged them to leave quickly so that they could not have bread made in time, but Matzoh, unleavened bread.

The Dubnow Magid tells a story of a rich man who visited a poor villager who had a brilliant son. He decided to have this brilliant son marry his daughter and immediately he saw to it that they were betrothed and arranged for their marriage. The son said to his father-in-law, "How can we arrange for a marriage? We are not prepared. We only have some poor bread in the house. Give us time to be able to cook and bake and prepare properly." The rich man, being anxious to make sure that nothing would happen to prevent the marriage, said, "That is alright. Do not worry about that," and the marriage ceremony was held. The groom then packed up his clothes that were poor and shabby and put some of the bread of the wedding among them. Some time later the son-in-law had a quarrel with his father-in-law and the father-in-law then said to him, "Why are you getting so proud?" Do you remember how poor you were when I took you?" The young man went and brought out the bread and said, "Look, I wanted to wait, but you were so anxious to have me that you forced us to use the food that we possessed at that time." So, too, G-d Almighty was zealously in love with us and betrothed us unto Him, as the prophet Hosea put it, "And I will betroth thee unto Me forever," but He did not wait. He forced the Israelites to leave Egypt immediately and all they were able to prepare was the Matzoh.

G-d could have taken the Israelites at a slower pace out of Egypt, but He was so anxious to have them purified from idolatry, that he took them out hurriedly.

### Our Annual Memorial Services

for the departed whose plaques are on the Memorial Tablets in our Synagogue will be held on

**MONDAY EVENING, MAY 8, at 8:30 P.M.**

Special Memorial Prayers will be offered

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# WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

## OPEN MEETING WITH BEAUTIFUL FILM ON MAY 1st

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the next **Open Meeting** of the Women League on **Monday, May 1st at 12:30 P.M.** in our Women League Clubroom.

The program of the afternoon will be a film "Holidays in Israel" in beautiful color and sound. This picture, filmed in Israel, depicts the celebrations of Passover and Shevuoth in Israel. This is a real treat — do not miss it!!!

Coffee and cake will be served promptly.

## HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our Annual Lag B'Omer outing on Sunday, May 7th will be held together with our neighboring Hebrew Schools at the Riverside Drive Athletic Field at the foot of 72nd Street.

Our children have been given special forms that must be filled out by the parents. The class of Mrs. Davids, however, will meet in our building at the regular time.

In the case of inclement weather the event will be postponed and regular classes will be held.

## MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL DONORS AT YIZKOR APPEAL

(Continued)

Gerard Benjamin, Dr. David Beilock, David Cohen, Abraham M. Davis, Ruth Davis, Mrs. Anna Dworkin, Ben Dworkin, George A. Gold, Mrs. S. Geismar, Lazaro Gottfried, Mrs. E. Katz, Charles H. Landis, I. Neiweg, Michael Reiner, Mayer Rosenholz, Louis Rubinfeld, Albert Reinhard, Morris Segerman, Joseph Sattel, Max D. Spitzer, Molly Toback, Pinkus Wassertheil, Clara Youran, Isaiah O. Zucker.

## PLEASE NOTE

A modern Ritualarium (Mikvah) is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St., MO 3-0300.

## CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Murray Rosenberg, upon the passing of his mother **Bertha Rosenberg**; to our members, Messrs. Aaron and Adolph Schreiber, upon the passing of their brother **Samuel Schreiber**; to the family of our late benefactor **Charles Levine**.

## SPRING LUNCHEON, MAY 17th OFFICIAL CATERER AT WORK



Co-Chairman  
Mrs. Jacob Isseks

**Bert Isseks**, the Women League Official Caterer, who has done a wonderful job at our previous luncheons, again comes to the fore as chairman in charge of culinary department. From her past record and experience this Spring Luncheon in honor of **Mrs. William Wedeen** should surpass all others. **Make your reservations now.**

## ISRAELI DIARY

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Vegan, which is west of Jerusalem. The entire eastern border of Jerusalem is on the Arab front and hence dangerous territory. This accounts for the fact that most of the housing projects and institutions (including the Hadassah Hospital with a capacity for 500 beds, the Hadassah Hebrew University Medical School, Hospital and Nursing School, also the World Academy which is now making rapid progress as far as construction is concerned and looks very impressive and other institutional buildings are all being erected in this section of Jerusalem.

Several interesting things came to our attention on our way home. We saw a crop of Bokshor almost ready for picking. It was nice and soft, nothing like the almost rocky stuff we include in the Tu Bishvat bags.

We saw huge plantations of sunflowers from which oil is extracted and made into margarine.

We came upon flocks of white goats which are now being imported from Switzerland. They are said to be less destructive than the black ones, which the Arabs continue to use. We were told that the black goats tear the roots of trees, stand on their hind legs leaning on the trunks of trees, in order to eat its fruit and pull down its branches.

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## WSIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

The United Jewish Appeal Committee of the W.S.I.S. has undertaken to participate in the West Side "Adopt-a-Project" program. Shluhot, the agricultural settlement adopted by our Synagogue, is precariously situated in the Afula district of Israel, less than five miles from the Jordanian border. It was founded in 1948 by a determined group of East European immigrants. Even though that was a year of life-or-death crisis for the newly declared State of Israel, with the valiant settlers bearing the brunt of a combined invasion force of nine Arab armies, this hopeful group pushed right out to the eastern rim of the new state and "dug in."

Complete consolidation of Shluhot has long been the anxious hope of its hard working settlers, including 130 children. Today, these people can earn only 70% of what they need to be self-sufficient due to a lack of funds. They need tools, livestock, irrigation materials and other farm equipment.

Our participation will be given recognition in that settlement in the form of a special plaque.

Your presence at our UJA Dinner on Thursday, May 18th, is of vital importance for the life-saving work of the United Jewish Appeal.



## GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Among the distinguished personalities at our gala Dinner in honor of our Director Joseph L. Rosenberg was a delegation from his Brooklyn Synagogue, Congregation Ahavath Israel, led by their Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, who greeted our guest of honor . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Leo Jacobowitz . . . Barry Halpren led our Congregation in the closing part of our Sabbath morning services . . . Double mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Abramson upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Besen — mazel tov also to the great-grandfather Mr. Louis Abramson and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Besen; and upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Abramson — congratulations also to the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ratner and Mr. Louis Abramson and to the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Ratner . . . Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Kramer upon the birth of Steven David to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kramer; and to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lavin of Chicago, Illinois, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Raphael . . . Welcome home from Florida to Mrs. Anna Dworkin, Mr. Ben Dworkin and Director and Mrs. Abe Goldman . . . Bon Voyage on their trip to Europe to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Goodman, and on their trip to the Holy Land to our Director Henry Blankfort who will dedicate the Blankfort Building at our Children's Village. His children Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Blankfort will also be present at this auspicious occasion. Bon voyage also to Mrs. Sadie Eisenman, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, Mrs. Jen Schreiber and Mrs. Jen Yabrow . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein and Director Moses Langer . . . Bon voyage to Director and Mrs. Jess Ward on their trip to points south . . . Heartiest congratulations to our members, Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Beller upon their twentieth wedding anniversary; to the family of Mrs. Adina Levi.

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- 30—Dr. Emanuel Buchalter  
Mrs. Daniel Gribetz  
Mrs. Maurice Kalker

#### May

- 2—Mrs. Milton Gelman
- 3—Mrs. Charles Fiedler  
Director Jess E. Gross
- 4—Mrs. George L. Livingston  
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### Anniversary Greetings

- 1—Mr. & Mrs. Sol Konstant
- 4—Mr. & Mrs. Edward Weinstein

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