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FROM THE ISRAELI DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

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Left Jerusalem Tuesday morning at 9:00. The road in the midst of the Hills of Judea gives a beautiful view of the hills and valleys in which our ancestors used to feed their flocks in Biblical times. This land, which was filled with large boulders, parched grass and dry sand in 1923 when we paid our first visit to Israel — then Palestine — is now full of orchards of plums, apples and peach trees, grape arbors and vegetable plantations of all kinds.

The settlements in this neighborhood are made up of immigrants from India, Iran and other Oriental countries. There are nine villages of people from India exclusively in different parts of Israel. The UJA has helped them with instructors as they were very anxious to learn and make progress. Some of these Kibbutzim have gone into big industries and have become very wealthy.

The UJA keeps the people of each settlement separate. The only place where there is an intermingling of different nationalities is among the children at school. It is difficult for adults to change their ideas and habits, and they are happier if left alone. The children bring in new ideas gradually and sometimes marry into families of other groups. Golda Meier's daughter married a Yemenite.

Abu-Gosh, which is a wholly Arab village is beginning to use modern implements and ideas. The younger generation of Arabs is adopting the agricultural techniques used by the Israelis and they are also develop-

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TO OUR READERS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ISSUE OF THE REVIEW CONTAINS THE PRAYER SCHEDULES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THE REVIEW WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY, MAY 26TH.

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

OUR MEN'S CLUB

A very important business meeting of our Men's Club will take place, in the Gold Room, on Monday evening, June 5th at 8:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

ALL VETERANS WELCOME

The Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans will hold its next meeting on Wednesday evening, May 24th, at 8:30 o'clock. All veterans are invited to attend this meeting and to join our Post.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS SABBATH

Our Post invites the veterans in our community to attend Sabbath services on May 27th in honor of Memorial Day.

HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL OUTING

The members of our Hebrew High School class will celebrate the close of the season with a bike riding party, Sunday morning, May 28th. The group will meet in front of the New York Coliseum at 10:30 A.M.

For further details please call the leader of the group, Jay Goldberg, OR 7-0568.

LAST CALL FOR GRADUATION NEWS

In the final issue of the Review we would like to congratulate all the graduates in our Congregational Family. Kindly notify the office all pertinent details by June 1st.

**Yes, it is improper to converse
during Synagogue services.**



THE FESTIVAL OF SHEVUOS

Saturday evening we usher in one of the "Sholesh Regalim," the Festival of Shevuos, the Feast of Weeks. This Holiday is a great significance to the Jews. It is the Holiday that identifies us as Jews, for on this Holy Day we received the Torah at the foot of Mt. Sinai. The Holiday is therefore known as "Zman Matan Torasenu," The Season of Receiving our Torah.

To commemorate this divine occasion we decorate our Synagogue with leaves and flowers reminiscent of the greenery atop Mt. Sinai. Another beautiful tradition is the "Mishmar," the staying up all night in the Synagogue and reciting "Tikun Shevuos." The latter is a collection of selections from the Bible and Mishna and other sacred writings. Our readers are cordially invited to join us in the Synagogue beginning at 10:15 on Saturday night for this all-night vigil. The morning service for those who are awake the whole night is held at daybreak.

It is a tradition to eat dairy foods on this festival. One reason given is that the Torah has been likened to "milk and honey."

During the Morning Services of the First Day, we read the Ten Commandments and chant the Akdamos, a beautiful poem in Aramaic, lauding the greatness of the Lord and the Torah, and describing a future of bliss and peace for the righteous.

On the Second Day, the idyllic story of Ruth is read. This is to commemorate the Yahrzeit of King David who died on Shevuos and was descended from Ruth.



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BAR MITZVAH



Melvyn Moed

Heartiest congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moed, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Melvyn, which is to be celebrated in our Synagogue on Saturday morning, May 27th.

Mazel Tov also to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Moed, and to the aunt, Mrs. Henri Schmeidler.

Melvyn is a student at Ramaz.

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HAGGADAH AND ITS INTERPRETATIONS

BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

HALLEL

These are Psalms of praise, part of which are uttered before the meal and the remaining part after the meal.

PRAISE, YE SERVANTS OF THE L-RD

"Servants of the L-rd" are in opposition to servants to man, in this case, of Pharaoh. The question is raised why do we not say Hallel on Purim and we do so on Passover. The answer is that on Passover we became servants of the L-rd whilst on Purim, we still remained servants of King Ahasuerus.

BE THE NAME OF THE L-RD BLESSED FROM NOW EVERMORE. FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS GOING DOWN.

Now G-d was recognized by the whole world.

SUPREME ABOVE ALL NATIONS IS THE L-RD

The nations made G-d so high that He was above them so that they could act immorally as the Psalmist put it in Psalm 139, Verse 20, "WHO RAISE THEE UP SO THAT THEY MAY PERFORM IMMORAL ACTS, as unseen by HIM."

Here in Hallel King David pictures G-d as a personal G-d, as we read in this Psalm, WHO IS LIKE THE L-RD OUR G-D, THRONED IN EXALTATION, WHO LOOKS DOWN TO BOTH THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, WHO RAISES UP THE POOR FROM THE DUST, ETC."

לַיָּתוֹם refers to the average poor man; אֲבִיִּן to the very needy.

TO SET HIM WITH PRINCES, WITH PRINCES OF HIS PEOPLE

The leaders of the Jewish people.

WHO MAKES THE BARREN DWELL IN HER HOUSEHOLD

This refers to the Jewish women living in Egypt.

AS A JOYFUL MOTHER OF CHILDREN

Refers to the mother of those children who were saved from the Nile, or to all the Jewish women who were prolific in birth, bearing 5 or 6 children at a time and all of them, mother and children, well and strong.

HALLELUYAH

This is the transliteration of the Hebrew word not the translation which means "praise be G-d."

MEMORIALIZE YOUR BELOVED

Do you wish to memorialize your dear departed? Plaques which are placed on the Memorial Tablet in our Daily Synagogue are available at a price within the means of all. Payments may be made at your convenience. Visit or call the Synagogue for further information.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Women's League Honorary President, Mrs. William Foont, upon the passing of her brother **Morris Gang**; to the family of our late member **Albert Rifkin**.

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Light Candles Friday Before	7:51
*Friday Evening Service	6:40
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Saturday Morning Service	8:50
Weekly Portion: Bamidbar	
Intermediate Congregation (11-13)	10:10
Junior Congregation (6-10)	10:50
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	7:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	7:00
Mincha	8:00

Reader of Torah: Stanley Klein

Reader of Service: Levi Pekier

Pirkei Avos — Chapter VI

Light Festival Candles After	8:45
Tikun Shevuos	10:15

Sunday, SHEVUOUS I

Morning Service	9:00
Intermediate Congregation	10:10
Junior Congregation	10:50
Mincha	8:00

Light Festival Candles**Monday, SHEVUOUS II**

Morning Service	8:30
Yizkor	
Intermediate Congregation	10:10
Junior Congregation	10:50
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	7:10
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	7:10
Mincha	8:10
Festival Terminates	8:47

Daily Services (Week of May 23rd)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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

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

Mincha 8:05

Wednesday Night

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 8:25

Friday, May 26th

Light Candles Before 7:58

*Mincha 6:40

Saturday, May 27th

Morning Service 8:50

Weekly Portion: Naso

Junior Congregation 10:50

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 7:00

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 7:00

Mincha 8:00

Reader of Torah: Levi Pekier

Reader of Service: Roger Linker

Pirkei Avos — Chapter I

Sabbath Terminates 8:52

Daily Services (Week of May 28th)

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 8:10

Friday, June 2nd

Light Candles Before 8:03

*Mincha 6:40

Saturday, June 3rd

Morning Service 9:00

* Those who usher in the Sabbath at an early hour should recite the "Shma" after dark.

Women's League Activities

This season's last **Open Meeting** of the Women's League will be held on Monday, June 5th, at 12:30 o'clock. Reserve that date for the Women's League to say your summer good-byes to your friends.

OUR LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our successful elementary Hebrew conversation course for adults has come to a close for this season. We hope to see still more of our congregants participate in our Laymen's Institute courses which will be offered in the fall, please G-d.



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Israel Diary (Cont'd)

ing more modern standards of living.

The city of Kiryat Gat, in spite of being only about four years old, is now a very live and active place. It has a shopping center, which includes among other things, cotton gins, spinning wheels, textile factories, etc.

Most of the villages around Kiryat Gat have extensive cotton plantations which feed the cotton to the factories. There is also a large community centre for lectures and celebrations and a big movie house. Kiryat Gat can even boast of a large Talmud Torah conducted by the Lubovitcher Movement. It has two separate buildings, one for boys and one for girls — the latter were engaged in a vigorous game of volley ball when we were there.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

We urge our parents to encourage their children to attend our youth Congregations on Shevuos, Sunday and Monday, May 21st and 22nd. Our children who attend have a wonderful time. Refreshments are served.

Regular classes will be held in our Hebrew School until the closing exercises on Thursday, June 15th.

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GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Mrs. Isaac Halevy Herzog, the widow of the Chief Rabbi of Israel, will be honored at a luncheon tendered by the World Academy in Jerusalem, at the Commodore Hotel on Sunday, May 28th at 11:30 A.M., an occasion that will witness the presentation to our member, Mr. Max Denberg, of the Chief Rabbi Herzog Award of the World Academy. Chairman of the event is our member Gustav Stern and Co-Chairman is Director Abraham M. Druckman. We urge as many of our members and friends as possible to make their reservations for this event by calling the World Academy office, SU 7-1051 . . . The beautiful floral decorations in our Synagogue for the Shevuos services grew from the dedicated planting of our Women's League . . . Welcome home from Israel to Ethel Abramowitz and Sharie Wald . . . Best wishes in their new home to our Director and Mrs. Frank L. Taks . . . Our Junior Citation of Merit to Abraham Kalker who so inspiringly led the concluding part of our Sabbath morning services . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Lea Pye.

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