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## CONCLUDING PORTIONS OF THE ISRAELI DIARY OF OUR LATE REBBITZEN, REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN

July 9, 1960

I had a unique type of visitor yesterday. Mrs. Rieder, who is one of the four women in Israel who distributes the money sent by the "Food for Israel Committee" of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, brought me two of the families she is taking care of for us. One has five children and one eight and she brought both families in their entirety, so that I could get a feeling of the pathos of their situation. Mrs. Rieder correctly felt that it would not be possible for me to visit these families, especially the one who lives in a cellar which necessitates going down twenty steps.

As depressed as I felt after meeting these struggling women and their sweet, little, innocent children, who seem to be destined to a life of

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## ASARAH B'TEVES THIS SUNDAY

The minor fast day of Asarah B'Teves, the tenth day of Teves will be observed this Sunday, December 17th.

This fast commemorates the beginning of the fatal siege of Jerusalem by the armies of Nebuchadnezer, king of Babylon, which culminated in the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C.E.

Selichos prayers are said in the morning and a special portion of the Torah is read both at the Morning and at the Mincha Services.

## MEN'S CLUB TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

A regular meeting of our Men's Club will be held this Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Gold Room.

Committees will be appointed for the coming year. A collation will follow.

All members are requested to be present.

Dr. Frank E. Fink, Pres.

## LEADING OPERA STARS TO APPEAR IN OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE AT THE METROPOLITAN OPERA SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th



Eileen Farrell

The world renowned dramatic soprano Eileen Farrell will appear in "La Forza Del Destino" at our Benefit Performance at the Met on Sunday evening, January 14th.

Eileen Farrell has often been called a "one-woman Golden Age of Song." Since her concert debut in 1947 she has enchanted world-wide audiences in every medium of music. Her unparalleled vocal splendors, combined with what the New York World Telegram and Sun recently described as "the sense of joy in her singing," have marked her from the beginning as a "once-in-a-lifetime" prima donna.

Our readers may recall that Eileen Farrell was also the star performer at our Benefit Performance of "La Gioconda" last year.

Other outstanding stars in the cast are Richard Tucker and Robert Merrill.

Prices for tickets fit every purse. They range from \$3.00 in the Family Circle to \$30.00 in the front rows of the orchestra. Our office phone is TR 7-8281.

## HONORARY CHAIRMEN OF OUR FORTHCOMING BAZAAR



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We are delighted to announce that Directors Harry Appel and Adolph Meirowitz will serve as Honorary Chairmen of our forthcoming W.S.I.S. Bazaar.

Preparations are under way to make this Bazaar our best in years. We can use all kinds of new merchandise. If you wish our Committee to call for it, kindly telephone our office, TR 7-8281.

### A TIMELY NOTICE

Contributions to Religious and Educational Organizations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE to the extent of 30% of your income.

To take advantage of this benefit for this year, payments should be made on or before December 31st, 1961.



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### Israeli Diary (Cont'd)

hardship, I got some comfort from the thought that the Food for Israel Committee of the Women's Branch of the UOJCA enables me to lighten their burden even if only in an infinitesimal degree.

There is a most interesting system of exchanges in Israel. People who live in Jerusalem which is mountainous, exchange their apartments with people who live in Tel Aviv where they can enjoy the pleasure of sea bathing. Our Naomi has been doing this during the last few summers.

More interesting even than this is the exchange of children between friends who live in different parts of the country.

Only this morning I heard of the mother of three children in Jerusalem who sent them to her friend near the seashore so that she could have at least a few days complete vacation. Next week, her friend's children are coming to her.

The severe drought this past winter has brought a water shortage in its wake. The authorities here feel that a campaign of education for the need of economy in the use of water must be started at once.

Experts are of the opinion that cutting off water for several hours each day does not produce results, although it does bring hardship to consumers. Being practical, people fill up their bathtubs ahead of time to instill "water consciousness" that would make a clean and shiny car a sign of lack of civic conscience. If that would result in any considerable economy is doubtful, but if cuts must be made at all costs, some spectacular ones are not to be ignored.

Can you imagine an announce-

## HAGGADAH AND ITS INTERPRETATIONS

BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

HALLEL (Continued)

### PSALM 117

#### "PRAISE THE L--D, ALL YE NATIONS"

All the nations will praise G-d for what He has done for Israel, but

**"O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE L--D . . . SO LET ISRAEL NOW SAY, THAT HIS LOVINGKINDNESS ENDURETH FOREVER."**

It remains for Israel to give THANKS.

This is the shortest and yet perhaps the loftiest, when in the Messianic era, in which I believe, we have entered. When the nations will praise G-d for Israel's ultimate revival, and we shall offer our Thanksgiving by becoming soon, I pray "A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS."

#### "THE L-D IS FOR ME AS MY HELPER"

Some translate BE'EZREEE "in regard to my friends," and read as follows "O L--d, YOU take care of my friends and I will take care of my enemies."

Some give this comment, G-d is really my Friend, or my Helper, but is regarded some times as inimical to me. The Midrash tells the story of one who ran to make his ship on time, but struck a nail, which penetrated his foot; he was delayed, and the steamer left without him. Thereupon he exclaimed angrily, "My luck." A few days later, came the report that the steamer had sunk. Then he said, "I give thanks unto Thee that Thou hadst afflicted me."

ment like the following appearing in an American paper?

"MEET THE ISRAELI — Many Israelis come to our office to offer home hospitality to visitors from foreign countries. IF YOU would like to accept their hospitality and meet an Israeli family with interests similar to yours, drop in at one of our offices, or phone, and they'll do the rest."

Israel is fortunate in having a wonderful person as its president. He is not only a genuinely pious man but also a real scholar, loving learning himself and encouraging it in others. One of the many indications of this attribute of his is the fact, that, one evening a week, he has at his home a class in Tanach, led by the famous woman scholar, Dr. Nehama Leibowitz. This is attended by approximately 100 men and women.

## Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Women's League member, Mrs. Rose Dorfman, upon the passing of her husband **Irving Dorfman** our late member.

## YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN OUR ISRAELI BOND DRIVE



It is indeed most gratifying to note that the guests at our Israeli Bond Dinner in honor of Director Abraham M. Druckman purchased a record amount of bonds.

Our readers who wish to join in this important drive may order their bonds through our office.

### MR. & MRS. LEAGUE

A Board meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heiser on Wednesday evening, December 20th. Our readers who would like to know more about our Mr. & Mrs. League may send a note or call our office. We will be delighted to hear from you.

### TEEN AGERS

Young men who wish to join our Teen-age Basketball Team to compete with the teams of our neighboring Synagogues are asked to send a note to our Social Department at once.

**W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Light Candles Friday Before .....     | 4:12  |
| Weekly Portion: Vayigash .....        |       |
| Friday Evening Service .....          | 4:15  |
| Men's Choral Group .....              | 8:15  |
| Saturday Morning Service .....        | 9:00  |
| Junior Congregation .....             | 10:40 |
| Oneg Shabbat Group (Girls 9-12) ..... | 2:45  |
| Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....     | 2:45  |
| Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class .....  | 2:45  |
| Mincha .....                          | 3:45  |

Reader of the Torah:

Andrew Hausman

Reader of the Service: Levi Pekier

Seudah Shlishis

Host: Mr. Harry Hausman

The Sabbath Terminates .....5:05

**Daily Services**

Sunday Morning

(Fast of Teves) .....7:00, 7:45, 8:45  
(Selichos about 8:25)

Sunday Mincha .....4:05

Monday and Thursday

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

Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Friday

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

Mincha .....4:20

Followed by the Exposition of the  
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

Wednesday — Rabbi Pekier's

Talmud Class .....8:00

Friday, December 22nd

Light Candles Before .....4:14

Mincha .....4:15

Sunday, December 23rd

Morning Service .....9:00

**Are you a member of the WSIS?****If not, it is time to give it  
serious thought****P.T.A. NEWS****Mrs. Gerard Benjamin  
Reelected President**

At the last meeting of our P.T.A. the following officers were unanimously elected:

Mrs. Gerard Benjamin - President  
Mr. William Fisher - Vice-President  
Mrs. Eugene Ten Brink - Treasurer  
Mrs. William Fisher - Secretary

At this gathering our parents had the opportunity to meet with our teaching staff and to plan a series of projects for the coming year.

**HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES**

A most enjoyable time was had by all attending the annual Chanukah Program of our Hebrew School. The various classes presented recitations and skits. The budding young Thespians were:

**Class of Chofetz Chaim:** Rena Bass, Emily Elefant, Bari Forman, Jay Goodgold, Lenore Herz, Midgie Hertz, Pini Kalnite, George Lloyd, Jerry Narzissenfeld, Jody Steinman, Renee Van Engel, Alan Weiss and Cathy Weiss.

**Class of Baal Shem Tov:** Karen Bisgeier, Allison Fischzang, Elliot

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Glazer, Felice Kalaf, Linda Rosensweig, Michael Teitelbaum, David Tennenbaum, Ronald White, Barbara Zahler and Ellen Zahler.

**Classes of Rambam and Vilna Gaon:** Matthew Alexander, Ben Brief, Sharon Elefant, Michael Gribetz, Harriet Handler, Esther Jonisch, Julian Lloyd, Steven Schall, Elliot Schechter, Emily Segelstein, Raymond Stein, Michael Sternberg, Peggy Ten Brink, and Linda Wolf.

There will be regular sessions on Sunday morning, December 24th.

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## GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Being the great student of music that he is has no doubt aided our own Mr. Alexander Rauchman in being the leading salesman of tickets for our Metropolitan Opera benefit performance on January 14th, and it is no surprise that we learn that he has become editor of "Musical Equity Notes" published by his I.O.O.F. Lodge . . . Michael Widlanski chanted the concluding part of our last Sabbath morning service . . . Our Congregational citation of merit to Mrs. Edwin Jarmuth upon being elected the first woman President of the New York City Official Court Reporters Association . . . Many thanks to Director David H. Ullman for supplying uniforms for our custodial staff . . . Bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Redlich on their trip to Israel . . . Welcome home from Europe to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bernard and Mrs. Henri Schmeidler, and from points west and south to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bisgeier, Mr. Morris Edelson and Mr. Herbert Tumpowsky . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mr. Burton G. Kebart . . . Mazel Tov to our Hebrew School teacher, Mrs. E. Davids and Mr. Davids, upon the betrothal of their daughter, Blanche, to Rabbi Jonah Gewirth of Waterbury, Connecticut; to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rosen, the grandparents, upon the birth of Susan Elizabeth to their children, Mr. and Mrs. H. Richard Etlinger . . . Our Congregational Chanukah party last Saturday eve was a joy to all who attended. The festivities started with Joe Klein's Orchestra, Cantor Ellner's Chanukah melodies and on through the delicious late supper. Our heartfelt gratitude to the Mr. & Mrs. League Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Fred Heiser and Mrs. Al Schwartz, for the arrangements and the program; also for the wonderful cooperation of their committee including: Mrs. Daniel Gribetz, Mrs. Samuel Gursky, Mrs. Adeline Morris, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Mrs. Herbert Rudnick, Mrs. Max Shapiro, Mrs. Arthur Stein and Mrs. Eugene Ten Brink . . . Mr. Robert Hofbauer, Senior Vice-Commander for our J.W.V. Buddy Friedman Post, and Mrs. Hofbauer, were hosts of a beautiful Chanukah party for the Post members and their wives.

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- 17—Morty Morris
- 17—Deborah Lee Streim
- 18—Beth Meryle Hirsch  
Joanne Kurtz  
Patricia Ann Sagon
- 20—William Ball  
Alan Jay Kalker  
Mrs. M. J. Kleinfeld  
Abraham Robinov  
Mrs. Jess Ward
- 21—George H. Heller

### Anniversary Greetings

- 15—Mr. & Mrs. Louis Goldner
- 16—Dir. & Mrs. Joseph Anderson  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bergman
- 17—Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Soffer (45th)
- 18—Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kamerman  
Dr. & Mrs. Herman Mintz  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry S. Pressner
- 19—Mr. & Mrs. Leo Schenker
- 21—Dir. & Mrs. Herman H. Cohen  
Dir. & Mrs. Dezso Goldner

### You May Still Join Our WEEKLY ADULT HEBREW CLASSES on Tuesday Nights

The following courses are being offered:

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