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

July 24, 1960

Yesterday was our last Saturday in Jerusalem. There was a special farewell speech delivered to Dad at the Friday night services. Sermons are delivered here on the Friday evening instead of the Sabbath morning services, as they are in America. The time in between Mincha and Maariv is utilized for a sermon.

The fact that the banks, the post office, transportation and practically all public utilities are suspended in Jerusalem on the Sabbath, added to the fact that practically every store is closed, naturally creates a different Sabbath atmosphere in the streets, regardless of what individuals are doing in their own homes.

In the forenoon old men are seen going to services with their Tallasim over their heads. In the afternoon fathers, mothers and children, whole families dressed in their Shabbas clothes, appear strolling light-heartedly (their weekly cares cast aside) in the middle of the roads as they are not afraid of traffic. Of course all this is already taken for granted here, but I was somewhat surprised when I was told the other day that an eight story chain store building, on the main thoroughfare of Jerusalem is to be closed on Shabbos. Of course, we really should not be surprised since Shabbos in Jerusalem is like Sunday in America and it seems perfectly natural to see everything closed in America on Sunday. I have never yet been out of Jerusalem on a Saturday but I understand that in Tel Aviv the Sabbath is kept quite strictly. In Haifa, however, there is a certain amount of desecration on the Sabbath and buses are permitted in certain sections.

August, 1960

On Monday night I went to Tisha B'av services. All electric lights were turned off and the Book of Lamenta-

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We expect to see you this Sunday evening

At Our Benefit Performance of

LA FORZA DEL DESTINO

Metropolitan Opera House, 40th Street and Broadway

The curtain will rise at 8:00 P.M. promptly

Please note the early start of this performance

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE

A Board meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bisgeier on Tuesday evening, January 16th.

All our young married couples are invited to attend a gala social of our League on Sunday evening, February 4th. Details will follow in these columns.

AN INVITATION TO OUR BAS MITZVAH GIRLS

The annual celebration of our Bas Mitzvahs will be held in the early spring. Girls of our Congregational family who will have reached their twelfth birthday this April are eligible to join this year's program. Those interested, write or call Rabbi Reichel's office this week.

CONCERNING SUMMER CAMPS

I cannot urge our parents too strongly to send our children to a summer camp where Judaism, the Sabbath and Kashrus are being observed. A summer camp leaves a lasting impression upon the child. An abiding love and respect for Judaism should be included in that youthful impression. I shall be glad to recommend camps which have very high standards. All who are interested are urged to contact me at once.

Sincerely yours,
RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL



MEN'S CLUB MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 15th

A regular business meeting of the Men's Club will take place this coming Monday night, January 15th, at 8:30 P.M., in our Men's Club Gold Room. Important matters will be discussed and voted upon.

The business meeting will be followed by the usual refreshments and social period.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST TO MEET WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th

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.

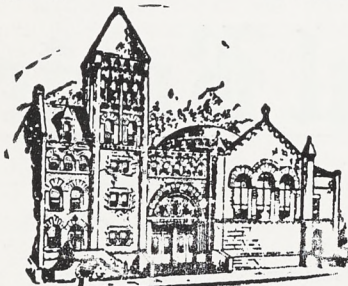
New members are always welcome.

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 contact Martin Ffont, TR 3-3989.

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SHARE IN ETERNITY

Not only is it a mitzvah to participate at a Minyan, but it is also a source of spiritual comfort to those who share in it.

The "Minyan," a quorum necessary for public worship, is a symbol of the Jew's eternal bond with his people and his G-d.

Our Synagogue is well known for its three morning services which accommodate the early risers as well as those who can enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

May we respectfully urge our neighbors and friends who have the time, to make it a habit to join one of our three morning services regularly or even occasionally. You will find that it will provide an added dimension to your lives.

Our third morning minyan, in particular, is in need of more worshippers to help maintain the necessary quorum. Kindly see our Prayer Schedule.

It goes without saying that we will be happy to welcome you beginning this week.

O. A. R.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Women's League member, Mrs. Saul Linzer, upon the passing of her father **Louis Goldenheim**; to Mrs. Meyer Shatz upon the passing of her sister **Jennie Gottlieb**; to the family of **Dora Kusselman**.

TEEN AGERS

Don't miss our High School class which meets this Sunday at 10:00 A.M. with Rabbi Meir Kahane. Those who have been attending regularly sing its praises. Why not give it a try?

HAGGADAH AND ITS INTERPRETATIONS

BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

YISHTABACH (Cont'd)

FOR UNTO THEE PSALM AND PRAISE ARE BECOMING

It is only to G-d that we can safely render praises and to be sure that we would not be belied by later development. It would be unsafe to bestow these fifteen praises upon a human being whose nature is vacillating. Today one may be righteous and excellent in character, and tomorrow he may suffer a relapse into sin. It is G-d alone who is eternal and immutable both in His Essence and in His attributes. Some say that the fifteen synonyms of praise, like the fifteen Psalms "The Songs of Ascent" (Psalm 120 through Psalm 134) were employed to indicate the highest praise a human being could give to G-d. Others say that the number 15 was a reference to the Creator, 15 being the first two letters of G-d's name, as we read, in Isaiah, Chapter 26 verse 4: Kee Beyaw "For with 'yaw' was the world created by G-d."

I should like to point out that no language has 15 synonyms for praise, as does the Hebrew language. Language is an index of a people's thoughts and feelings.

The highest form of Praise of G-d is found and in particular in the Psalms of David, which, by the way are used in all churches. The Psalms have been accepted as the Hymns par excellence of the Protestant church. Well as the late Lloyd George, Prime Minister of England, declared, "We sing the Psalms of David in Church on Sundays, and persecute His children the rest of the week."

WHO MAKES CHOICE OF SONG AND PSALM ETC...

THE LIFE OF ALL WORLDS

He Himself ordained praise-giving human emulation.

THE LIFE OF ALL WORLDS

G-d is not only "The Creator," and active only once in the far distant past, but He is the Life, — the Living source of all worlds, and who "in His goodness reneweth the creation continually every day."

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*An Invitation to our Young Folks —
Collegiates - Teenagers
Don't Miss our Father-Son-Daughter
Sunday Morning Service and Breakfast
FEBRUARY 11th*

Diary (Cont'd)

tions was read by candlelight. Most of the congregants sat on the floor.

Tisha B'av the traditional date of the destruction of the First and Second Temples is observed with a great deal of feeling here. That is not surprising but what was surprising is that cinemas, theatres, cafes and all public places of amusement were closed.

In Government offices the employees had the option of not working. On Mt. Zion, Israel's nearest spot to the Wailing Wall, the last relic of both Temples, the Book of Lamentations was recited in the chants of various communities. Thousands of people, including many parents and their children whom they wish to imbue with the atmosphere of this event in the history of our people, attended the services on Mt. Zion.

There was a constant and steady flow of people all the evening and the next day, including hundreds of tourists and seminar groups.

In Tel Aviv, which is usually almost as brightly lighted up and as noisy as the "Gay White Way" in New York, it was dark and quiet with all cinemas closed like in Jerusalem and the usually over-flowing

restaurants, bars and sidewalk cafes, empty.

It is believed that this was the most carefully observed Tisha B'av in years, due to a special by-law enacted by the Municipality.

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Kibbutz Ramat Rahel is on the way to Bethlehem where Rahel is buried. Ramat Rahel was almost completely wiped out during the war of Liberation by Arabs who made this a target for an intensive attack. There are still evidences of bombshells in the building on the top of the hill which was used as a point of observation for the surrounding territory.

We stopped for a while at the Holy Land Hotel which is Jerusalem's newest hotel. We were able to get a very fine view of the Mount of Olives, the Mosque of Omar and of Mount Moriah where Abraham took his beloved son, Isaac, to offer him up for sacrifice, which he believed the L-rd wanted of him. It was on Mount Moriah that King Solomon built the first Temple, and in later days, Ezra and Nehemia built the second temple on the same spot.

INTERESTED IN JOURNALISM?

Would you like to help our editors with the publication of the "Review." If so please contact Rabbi Reichel.

THE SINAI LEAGUE (Young Adults 18 - 36)

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Wednesday, January 17th at 8:15 P.M.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

- Friday, January 12th
- Light Candles Before4:32
- Mincha4:35
- Saturday Morning Service8:50
- Junior Congregation10:40
- Oneg Shabbat (Girls 9-12)3:00
- Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:00
- Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:00
- Mincha4:00
- Reader of the Torah: Steven Spira
- Reader of the Service: Seymour Ukeles
- Seudah Shlishis
- Host: Director Leon Herman
- The Sabbath Terminates5:26

Daily Services

- Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45
- Monday and Thursday
- Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
- Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:15
- Mincha4:45
- Followed by the Exposition of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein
- Wednesday — Rabbi Pekier's
- Talmud Class8:00
- Friday, January 19th
- Light Candles Before4:39
- Mincha4:40
- Saturday, January 20th
- Morning Service8:50

**Are you a member of the WSIS?
If not, it is time to give it
serious thought**

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

As this issue goes to press we are looking forward to an SRO and capacity house for our Metropolitan Opera Benefit Performance this Sunday evening . . . We warmly welcome back home from points south, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Glaser, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, Director and Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar, Director and Mrs. Martin Romerovski and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sussman . . . Mazel tov to our Hebrew School teacher, Miss Batya Abramson upon her **engagement** to Mr. Yehuda Goldstein, a doctoral candidate in Bio-medical Engineering; to Adolph Kahn and Fannie Naparstek whose **marriage** was solemnized in our Synagogue; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Horowitz upon the **birth** of their first great grandson, Gary Steven Portugal; to our members Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter upon the **birth** of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vorchheimer; to our Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feuerstein upon the **Bar Mitzvah** of their grandson, Henry Feuerstein, son of UOJCA President and Mrs. Moses I. Feuerstein of Boston.

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Birthday Greetings

January

- 12—Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel
- 13—Mordecai Feuerstein
Philip Gertner
- 14—Aaron Solomon Gertz
- 15—Louis J. Buch
- 16—Jay Finkelstein
Nathan K. Gross
- 17—Harvey Robert Gross
Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar
Mrs. Sandra G. Ortner
Edward Weinstein
- 18—Susan Citron
Ruth Sonya Freudman

Anniversary Greetings

- 17—Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Carter
- Mr. & Mrs. Irving Kobrin
- 18—Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wohl

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Family plots for four, eight or more can be arranged. For information, call our office — TR 7-8281.

It is possible for your child to join our Hebrew School this term — Call our office, TR 7-8281, for details.

DON'T BE BASHFUL . . .

Visit Our Adult Hebrew Classes This Tuesday Night

The following courses are being offered:

Intermediate Hebrew (a continuation of last year's course in reading and conversation) 7:30 P.M.

Beginners Hebrew — 8:30 P.M.

We urge all our readers to take advantage of this once-in-a-year opportunity to learn our Holy Language.

A series of lessons in Elementary Hebrew is presently featured on Channel 4, Sundays at 9:45 A.M.

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