



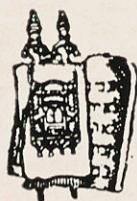
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Shavuos

FESTIVAL OF TORAH

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, MAY 25th and 26th

Light candles Tuesday evening at7:56 P.M.
Evening Services at7:45 P.M.
Morning Services at8:45 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Services Thursday, May 26th - 10:45 A.M.

Our spiritual leader Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will officiate

Shavuos — Customs And Traditions

In our prayer books, Shavuos is described as Z'man Mattan Toratenu, "the season of the giving of our Torah"; for it was on this day that Moses received the Law from the Almighty on Mount Sinai. In the poetic words of the Zohar, the seven weeks of Israel's (the bridegroom) courting the Torah (his bride) which commenced with the Passover liberation (betrothal) are now concluded with the giving of the Torah on Shavuos (the marriage).

Following this thought, Maimonides suggests that the reason for counting the Omer (Sephirah) between Passover and Shavuos, the anniversary of the revelation, is to point up the latter's consummation of the exodus from Egypt. Thus, in expectation of that precious goal, we count the intervening days as one who awaits a beloved friend counts each day until he arrives.

The Torah and the Prophets emphasize that this festival is an occasion for joy. "And thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy G-d, thou and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow. . . ."

This significant occasion is truly a day for celebration. As we have pointed out, it calls for a twofold observance. On the one hand, it is a major agricultural festival honoring the completion of the grain harvest and celebrating the offerings of the first fruits of the Temple, and on the other hand, it is a spiritual festival, the anniversary of the giving of the Torah.

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Levine*Pres. Women's League*Sidney Robinson *Chm. Bulletin Comm.***A BACKWARD GLANCE***Sidney Robinson.*

For the second time in as many years an event unique in the annals of Jewish religious services took place recently at our branch when students of the Einstein Medical College conducted Shabbos services, including the Torah reading... Their proficiency in the services, attested to a background of fine religious education... Our deepest thanks to Charles "Chuck" Cohen, a newly appointed intern at Lincoln Hospital, for arranging all the details... We look forward to many more such wonderful occasions... An audience that packed our synagogue witnessed an inspiring celebration of Israeli Independence Day... Chaired by Charles Rubinstein, the program included a birthday candlelighting ceremony by 18 of our Talmud Torah students and college people... A most informative address by Moshe Aumann of the Israeli Consul, songs by a group representing the Zamara Choral Society, a solo of songs by Jeanette Robinson, and inspirational readings by your reporter, made up the balance of the program... Refreshments in Levin Hall included Israeli drinks and food... Literature and posters on Israeli life were made available to the guests... Members of our organization and sister synagogues in the neighborhood joined in a breakfast several Sundays ago to raise funds for Yeshiva University... The guest speaker, Rabbi Maurice Lamm of the

INFORM YOUR RABBI

We ask you to make a mental note of the following: The Rabbi is always anxious to share with the members and friends of our Congregation occasions of joy, sickness and sorrow (G-d forbid) when a visit from the Rabbi would be welcome. In a community such as ours, it is quite impossible for him to know of every instance when his presence might be desired. Don't rely on the Rabbi to learn of family happenings indirectly. After all, your physician didn't just "happen to drop in." He was called. Similarly, the Rabbi is to be called by those who are in need of his ministry. If the Rabbi is not called he can only conclude that his presence is not desired. The Rabbi asks for the courtesy of being informed by those concerned.

Hebrew Center University Heights, encouraged the guests, by his eloquent summary of the needs and aspirations of the University, to setting a new record in pledges... Our two guests of honor, Bernard Horowitz and Joel Stern, received plaques for their work on behalf of the University... Our official harbinger of Spring, Murray Schaffer, is back with us — Welcome home... Those white cabinets you've been seeing in Levin Hall have finally been hung in the kitchen — a gift of our Women's League... Now that they are back, we look forward to many hours of listening to the thrilling experiences of Ida and Meyer Diamond's trip to Israel... The Adult Institute held its annual closing exercises on Monday evening, May 9... The Institute awarded certificates to almost two score adults who were enrolled in the six courses offered... Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld of the Y. I. of Kew Gardens Hills, the guest speaker, spoke on the topic of "The Role of Adult Education in the Young Israel Movement"... We look forward to receiving news from abroad from Zvi Gittelman, who is traveling through Poland, Soviet Russia and Israel.



FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Annual reports and election of officers were the main feature at our meeting on May 11th. Our new officers were beautifully installed by our past president, Bea Kutner. Good luck to you, Frances Needle in your presidential office, and to your entire slate of officers. I know you will enjoy a wonderful administration.

I wish to express my thanks to my officers, executive board and members for the wonderful cooperation I have enjoyed this past year and I am sure we will support our new president and continue to work for our Young Israel.

Wishing you a healthful and happy summer,

Sincerely,

SADYE R. LEVINE

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TUESDAY, JUNE 7th AT NOON

Strawberry Festival Luncheon given by
Fanny Eigner. Don't miss it!

Women's League Activities

TUESDAYS AT NOON —

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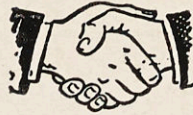
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Fanny Eigner — UN 3-0700 for donor merchandise or L'Maan Hayeled Cards.

Ida Diamond — TA 8-9866 — for Israeli and religious gifts.

Bea Kutner — SY 2-9095 — for knit dresses.

Evelyn Rifkin — UN 3-1367 — for Bronx Press subscriptions.



MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest felicitations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Friedman, on the marriage of their son Richard to Roni Eckstein.

Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Gewertz, on the engagement of their son Theodore to Jacqueline Beth Shapiro.

Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Groginsky on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Alan.

Mr. Murray Karpf, on the marriage of his son Dr. Stanley to Arlene S. Levin.

Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Lowenthal, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Dennis.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Poms, on the birth of their grandson Steven Paul Balfour.

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Ringelheim, on the birth of their granddaughter Sharin Ellen, to their children Allan and Ilene Ringelheim.

Mr. & Mrs. Lester Silver, on the engagement of their daughter Carol A. to Stanley Tirnauer.



Our deepest sympathy to:

Jack Bernstein, on the loss of his beloved brother, Isaac Bernstein.

Ratner and Shedlo Families, on the untimely death of their beloved wife, mother and daughter, Sylvia Ratner.

Mrs. Lillian Smiler and family, on the loss of their beloved husband and father, George Smiler.

May they be comforted amongst the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Best wishes and felicitations to the following members having birthdays or anniversaries in May:



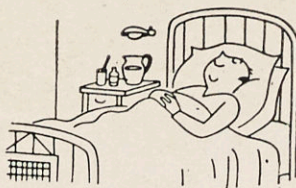
BIRTHDAYS

(1) Justin Green, Max Green, Reba Pollack, Sidney Sussman, (2) Max Schuman, David Robinson (3) Sam Berman, Gene Kohen, Marcia Panfield (4) Michael Levine (5) Phyllis Seidman, Irene Stern (6) Barbara Gura, Mark Steiner (8) Yetta Daniels, Michael Bernicker (9) Jeffrey Silverman, Benjamin Kohen (10) Alan Groginsky, Lena Felman, Charles Siegel (11) Leslie Berliner (12) Arlene Bernicker (13) Marcus Weiden, George Rockman (15) Rachel Bernstein, Mae S. Willner, William Charifson (17) Barry Smith, Steven Weinrieb, Yuditha Winkler (19) Rose Weinreb, Stephen Astor (20) Stuart Gross, Essie Ornitz (21) Harvey Berish (22) Morris Mednick, Harold Lehrer (24) Abe Ondelman, Deborah Rubin (26) Rhona Alman, Betty Waldman, Julia Zaret (27) Theodore Gewertz, Melvyn Diamond, Mildred Berliner (28) Dr. Leonard Sussman (29) Evelyn Panzer, Joanna Harris, Rose Sherman (30) Arnold Green, Marilyn Besen, Arnold Haiman, Al Messing (31) Joel Waldman.

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ANNIVERSARY

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Ted Buchsbaum, Mr. & Mrs. David Astor, Mr. & Mrs. Nat Drillings (2) Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Schwell (10) Mr. & Mrs. Al Gura (26) Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Seidman, Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Weiden, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Sussman, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Feinstein, Mr. & Mrs. Max Feigeles, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Katz (28) Mr. & Mrs. Fox, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Bernicker (29) Mr. & Mrs. Carl Felman (30) Mr. & Mrs. Boris Stern (31) Mr. & Mrs. Murray Weinreb *** and Many Happy Returns.



GET WELL

Our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Mrs. Rose Coe, Mr. Abraham Goodman, Mrs. Anne Horowitz.

May they speedily return to Young Israel in good health.

NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS

An important meeting of all veterans will be held at our Young Israel on THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd at 8:30 P.M. sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans. Your presence is needed to help our Parkchester Post get off to a good start. For further information call Lou Gurkin TR 2-0114.

WORTH QUOTING . . .

The haughty heart is an abomination to G-d . . . but humility is the best of virtues, and by it Moses was known, as it is written: "And the Man Moses was very humble" . . . I have never known a man who did not surpass me in some virtue; therefore I respect everyone. If he is older than I, he has probably achieved more good; if he is richer, he probably gives more to charity; if he is younger than I, he has sinned less; if he is poorer, he has suffered more; If he is wise I respect him for his wisdom.

—Rabbi Yehuda ben Harosh,
14th Century

AKDAMUT

Before reading the ten divine commands,
O let me speak in awe
Two words, or three
Of Him who wrought the world
And sustained it since time's beginning.
At His command is infinite power,
Words cannot define Him.
Were all the skies parchment
And all the reeds pens
And all the oceans ink
And all who dwell on earth scribes,
His grandeur could not be told.
Sovereign over the heavens above,
He reigns supreme on earth below.
He launched creation unaided
And He contains it in the bounds of His law.
Without weariness He created,
Only by His will uttered in a gentle sound.
He wrought His works in six days,
Then did He establish His glorious sovereignty
Over the life of the universe.
Myriads of His angelic hosts serve Him,
Divine messengers that propel life's destiny
They arise each morning to their calling.
All the celestial beings join in a chorus of praise,
In unison they call to one another:
All the earth is full of the glory of the thrice Holy One.
In a mighty roar,
As the thundering noise of vast waters,
Moving amidst the heavenly spheres
Where the divine light glows brilliant,
The angelic hosts proclaim their words of adoration:
Praised be His glory by every whispering lip
From the place of His abode which is everywhere.
All the celestial hosts roar their response in awe:
The splendor of His dominion is acclaimed from age to age.
Yet dearer to Him than this
Is the song of the children of Israel,
Rising to Him morning and evening,
In free outpourings of adoration.
Chosen to be the faithful servants of His will,
They rehearse His praises continually.
He summoned them in love to pursue the labors of the Torah,
And He accepts their supplications and entreaties,
Which weave a crown of glory for the Almighty.
The Eternal cherishes their prayers
And keeps them ever before Him,
Thus declaring the greatness of Israel.
Who reiterates that He is One.

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