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CEREMONIES CONNECTED WITH THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

It is true that the Synagogue Service during the High Holy Days is the focal point of religious expression. Nonetheless, there are many beautiful ceremonies connected with the High Holy Days that take place outside the House of Worship.

At the Table

As is customary at every Holiday, the mother initiates the Holiday by lighting the Festival candles. The usual benedictions for the Sabbath and Holiday candles are, of course, recited.

Following the Kiddush the meal is begun by dipping the bread into honey. This symbolizes the desire for a sweet year. It is customary to dip an apple into honey and recite the following prayer. "Blessed Art Thou O Lord Our God, King of the Universe who Createst the fruit of the tree." After partaking of the honey and apple, say "May it be Thy will, O Lord, our God and God of our fathers to renew unto us a happy and pleasant year."

It is also customary on the second night to make the Shehecheyanu blessing over a new fruit.

Tashlich

This year, since the first day of Rosh Hashanah occurs on the Sabbath, the Tashlich ceremony should be performed on the second day, Sunday. This ceremony takes place after the Mincha Service at the bank of a river or some other body of fresh water where appropriate prayers are recited.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

On Rosh Hashanah, upon leaving the the synagogue, all attend the High Holy Day greeting *שנה טובה תבן*.

"MAY YOU BE INSCRIBED FOR A GOOD YEAR".

450 Attend Midnight Selichoth Service

לשנה טובה תכתבו

The Officers and Officials of the Congregation and its affiliates extend heartiest wishes to the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family for a year of health, happiness and blessedness.

May the year 5720 usher in an era of everlasting peace for all mankind.

SPECIAL NOTE ON ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

The Rosh Hashanah services, at Kehilath Jeshurun, are conducted in accordance with a carefully planned schedule. The service will begin at eight in the morning and will be concluded about one o'clock.

Every portion of the service is timed, to receive the emphasis and concentration that it deserves. Prayer, to be effective and inspiring must never be hasty and rushed.

A practice found to be appropriate in past years will be continued this year as well. The sermon will be delivered towards the close of the service rather than in the middle of it. Experience has shown that the Congregation prefers this arrangement and that the worshippers are most receptive to a religious message at this time.

Sounding of Shofar

We would like to remind our worshippers, that, since the first day of Rosh Hashanah occurs on the Sabbath this year, the Shofar will be sounded only on the second day. In order not to miss this most salient ritual of the day, please be in your seats by 10 o'clock.

Last Saturday night, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun inaugurated the Penitential Season with a most memorable Selichoth Service. It was memorable on several counts.

The Congregation was more numerous than ever before. Close to four hundred and fifty worshippers attended the service. The ages of these worshippers ranged from under thirteen to over seventy five. Husbands and wives came together. Mothers and fathers brought sons and daughters. Young people even brought their escorts to the service.

A Formula For Homogeneity

On the surface this would seem to be a heterogeneous group. There was one common element, however, which united all the diverse groups — the desire to begin the High Holy Day Season in prayer.

From the first tone sounded by the Cantor opening the service, until the last word of the benediction uttered by the Rabbi in concluding the service, the mood and spirit of prayer were manifest.

Cantor Vigoda sang certain special prayers in a thrilling manner. The Congregation sounded like a trained choir as it sang the traditional melodies and joined in the responsive readings. For those who found it difficult to follow the Hebrew, a number of prayers were read in unison in English.

The Social Interlude

Prior to the service, a midnight snack was held in the social hall under the joint sponsorship of the Sisterhood and Men's Club. This social prelude served two purposes. It enabled friends to greet each other and it provided sufficient time for reminiscing and social reporting, so that, when the service started, all could devote their undivided attention to the prayers.

The Selichoth Service, thus, provided a warm, dignified, and inspiring beginning for our Congregational year.

SUKKOTH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It may seem premature to be discussing Sukkoth in a Rosh Hashanah bulletin, but such appearances are often deceiving. The fact is that Sukkoth is just two weeks away, October 17th, to be exact. In this connection there are two important matters which must be attended to immediately.

Lulav and Ethrog

The first of these is the acquisition of a Lulav and Ethrog. Year after year the special procession in the synagogue becomes more impressive as more and more worshippers march with the Lulav around the House of God. Many congregants obtain an extra Lulav and Ethrog for their children and for making the blessing at home. Of course the purchase of these religious fruits contributes substantially to the largest export item of the State of Israel.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg will be happy to assist you in procuring a Lulav and Ethrog. Please call him at the Synagogue office without delay.

The Sukkah of Sukkoth

The primary feature of Sukkoth is, of course, the sukkah itself. This year, the congregation is erecting a brand new sukkah for our worshippers. As usual it will be gaily decorated by the Sisterhood with flowers, greens and fruits.

As in past years, special catered meals will be served at a very nominal price. Meals will be served on Friday night, October 16th, Saturday noon, October 17th, and Sunday noon, October 18th.

Please call the office immediately to make your reservation. Come and bring the whole family.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with many thanks contributions to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Hilda Fischman, Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein and Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others, by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Robert H. Zessman, 12 East 87th Street, the Happy Day Fund Chairman.

SYNAGOGUE ORDINANCES

- 1) There are no vacant seats in our synagogue on the High Holy Days. All seats are reserved. We, therefore ask our worshippers not to bring children or guests to the synagogue unless seats have been reserved for them. This will save embarrassment to all concerned.
- 2) Tickets for the High Holy Days are not transferable. A seat may be used only by the one for whom it was reserved.
- 3) Your children are invited to attend the special Children's Service provided for them in the Chapel. Services for children will be held from 11 to 1 o'clock on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- 4) Worshippers who find their seats occupied are asked to call this fact to the attention of an usher on the floor.
- 5) The doors of the synagogue will be closed during the sermon. Please, therefore, be in your seats before the sermon begins.
- 6) Worshippers are urged to join in the congregational singing and in the responsive readings.
- 7) Conversation of any kind is forbidden during the services. Proper decorum is essential for dignified worship.
- 8) In spite of the fact that smoking is permitted on a holiday, when it does not fall on the Sabbath, we respectfully request our worshippers to refrain from smoking on synagogue premises.
- 9) Please do not remove the Talith, or leave your seat until after the benediction is pronounced at the close of the services.
- 10) Our worshippers are urged to take advantage of the checking facilities on the main floor. White skull caps are available for the use of the male worshippers. These may be obtained at the checking counters.
- 11) Uniform Prayer Books are available to all. At the close of services please leave the Prayer Book at your seat.
- 12) Worshippers' attire should be conservative and subdued in keeping with the Sanctity of the House of God and the Solemnity of the season.

CHILDREN'S HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES TO BE HELD

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur a special service for children from the ages of 6 to 12 will be conducted in our Chapel. These services are designed to meet the religious needs of our synagogue youngsters.

The main synagogue on the High Holy Days is filled to capacity. Children for whom a seat has not been reserved cannot therefore, be accommodated. Moreover, the length of the service is not suited to the needs and interest span of the youngsters. We have, therefore, arranged for a special service to be conducted in the synagogue chapel for the children.

On both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, children's services will be held from 11 to 1 o'clock.

The children's religious service is conducted by a qualified and trained leader and will be a fitting junior counterpart to our beautiful service in the main synagogue.

SABBATH KIDDUSH SPONSOR

We wish to thank Mr. Samuel Schreiber, who sponsored the Sabbath Kiddush following last week's services.

We are anxious to have more of our members act as sponsors. They may do so by contacting the synagogue office and informing us of their interest.

You may be certain that your kind offer will be accepted with appreciation.

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THE DAYS BETWEEN

According to tradition, our fate for the year is determined during this season. It is not widely known, however, that on Rosh Hashanah itself only the fate of the completely righteous and the totally wicked is decided. The intermediate person's fate remains pending during the Ten Days of Penitence until Yom Kippur.

It is proper for each individual to consider himself as such an intermediate person. He, therefore, tries during the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to conduct himself in a thoroughly ethical manner. He is more scrupulous than usual in his attention to religious details.

During "The Days Between" we observe the Fast of Gedaliah on the day after Rosh Hashanah. This fast commemorates the assassination of the governor of Judea, marking the total disintegration of the First Jewish Commonwealth.

Special Selichoth prayers continue to be recited at 7:00 A.M. one half hour before the regular morning service.

We take care of any charitable obligations which may have been overlooked during the past year.

If you happen to be completely righteous this appeal is superfluous. To consider yourself as totally wicked is an unacceptable evaluation. If, then, you may be classified as an "Intermediate", the "Days Between" are a fine opportunity for performing religious duties. This much is certain; you have nothing to lose. You have a world to gain.

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SCHEDULE OF ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, ROSH HASHANAH EVE

Selichoth Services	6:30 A.M.
Regular morning services will follow	
Lighting of Candles	6:15
Evening	6:00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, ROSH HASHANAH I

Morning	8:00
Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein "Overcoming a Sense of Loneliness"	
Evening	6:15
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, ROSH HASHANAH II

Morning	8:00
Sermon by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein "All Quiet on the Religious Front"	
Evening	6:15

DAILY SERVICES

*Morning	7:30
Evening	6:00

*Selichoth services will be held during the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, one half hour before the regular morning services.

YOUR COOPERATION PLEASE

So far, the response to Jewry Duty has been most gratifying. Most of our members have already sent their return cards to the office indicating their approval of the program and their acceptance of a particular week of duty.

There are a few, however, who have not as yet communicated with the office concerning this matter. Before we can institute the program we must have your response. Please, therefore, do not delay. Send in the return card immediately. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

TALMUD CLASS RECESS

The regular Talmud Class, which has been meeting weekly through most of the summer, began a four week recess on Wednesday.

The class will resume sessions after the holidays on Wednesday evening, October 28th. At that time, the study of a new chapter in the Tractate Beizah will be initiated.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Albert Amitay, Philip A. Brenner, B. Warren Brown, Leopold Heffner, Benjamin Perlman, Jerome I. Riker, Mrs. Anne H. Robbins, Mrs. Herman I. Schacter, Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. & Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Weinberg.

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