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SHAVUOTH IN OUR SYNAGOGUE

The festival of Shavuoth will be observed this year on Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 and 30th. As always, it will be an inspiring occasion at Kehilath Jeshurun.

In keeping with the special traditions of this holiday, the synagogue will be gaily decorated with green foliage. The final priestly benediction of the year will be pronounced by the Kohanim at the regular services.

Special features, first day —

The first day of the holiday is marked by the reading of that part of the Torah which contains the Ten Commandments. Prior to the reading, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will chant the traditional Akdamuth prayer.

Special features second day —

On Thursday, the Book of Ruth will be chanted by four young men of our congregational family. They are:

Robert Pik
David Kahn
Stuart Podell
Stuart Schlang

These young men have spent time and effort in preparation for this reading. Their instructor has been our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg. The reading of Akdamuth will begin at 10 o'clock. Please be in your seats before that time.

Memorial prayers will be recited on Thursday for the last time this year until the Day of Atonement in the Fall. For these Memorial prayers the 1963-64 Book of Remembrance will be distributed.

Make Shavuoth a joyous festival for yourself and for your family by observing it with your family in the House of God.

*We extend our best wishes
for a happy Shavuoth to our
members and friends.*

RAMAZ GRADUATION IN TOWN HALL

This year, the Ramaz High School will graduate the largest class in its history. At graduation exercises, to be held on Wednesday evening, June 12th, forty-nine seniors will formally complete their course of study and receive their diplomas. Because of the size of the class, the graduation exercises have been moved to the spacious auditorium of Town Hall.

We might add that the present senior class is not only the largest in the history of the school but also one of the best. Their college entrance record is a glowing one and over 80% of the class has received State Scholarships from the New York State Board of Regents.

Members of our congregational family who would like to attend the graduation are invited to call the synagogue office. Tickets will be mailed to them upon request.

PLEASE NOTE

This issue of the Bulletin includes information for the forthcoming two weeks. The next issue will appear on June 7th.

TIKUN LEL SHAVUOTH

Tuesday Evening Torah Session

There is a tradition on the first night of Shavuoth, to hold a study session which highlights the nature of the Festival as the anniversary of the giving of the Law. In days gone by, it was the custom to conduct such a session throughout the night.

For the first time in many years the congregation will sponsor a modified — and somewhat less rigorous — version of this practice. On Tuesday night, May 28, at 10:15 P.M. a Torah study session will be held in the social hall of the congregation. The highlight of this session will be an halakhic (legal) discourse on "The Second Day of Yom Tov" to be delivered by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Following the session, a light collation will be served. The evening is scheduled to conclude before midnight.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested, to attend this renewal of an ancient practice, on Tuesday night, May 28, at 10:15 P.M.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO VISIT WEST COAST FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Immediately after the Shavuoth Festival, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein plans to leave for Southern California to deliver a series of lectures at the West Coast Institute of Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University.

While on the West Coast, the Rabbi will engage in promotional work on behalf of Yeshiva University and its Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

We wish Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein a successful trip and a safe return.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock

"A VIEW FROM THE NORTH"

A HOLIDAY MESSAGE

"On Being Chosen"

The Festival of Shavuoth, more than any other on our calendar, highlights the true meaning of the concept of the "chosen people". In recent years this concept has come under attack from within the ranks of Judaism. The impending holiday gives us an opportunity to examine the issue in its various aspects.

The attacks to which we refer are not those of the American Council for Judaism which, through its manifold press connections, bombards the newspaper readers of America with impassioned denials of Jewish peoplehood and obsequious apologies for the "misguided" Zionist affiliation of the majority of American Jewry. Our concern here is rather with well intentioned religious spokesmen who accept the concept of peoplehood but who have deleted the theme of chosenness from their prayerbooks and who have declared this theme to be at best outdated and at worst repugnant to those who cherish the ideals of human equality.

Of course, the chosen people idea is neither outdated nor repugnant. It has nothing whatsoever to do with biological supremacy or physical superiority. It is merely a recognition that the Jewish People has been "chosen" — or has itself "chosen" — to live according to the Torah and to commit itself to the service of God's ethical will.

When we are called to the Torah we recite a blessing which clearly describes the nature of our chosenness. "Blessed art Thou O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who chose us from among all the nations and gave us His Torah". If, as a result of accepting the Torah, we have achieved more sublime level of existence, this is something of which we need not be shamed but in which, rather, we should take the greatest pride.

If, through the centuries, the literacy rate has been abnormally high; if the delinquency rate has remained, until recently, minimal; if the standards of marital fidelity have been consistently excellent; and if the incidence of alcoholism and narcotics addiction have remained statistically insignificant; if all this is true, then it is not a result of superior mental or biological endowments; it is simply a consequence of the adherence of a people to a Divine Code of morality and ethics.

Like the seven astronauts of current fame, whatever degree of excellence

SCHEDULE OF SHAVUOTH SERVICES

TUESDAY, MAY 28th — SHAVUOTH EVE

Evening 8:10

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th — SHAVUOTH I

Morning 9:00

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach at 11:00

Evening 6:30

THURSDAY, MAY 30th — SHAVUOTH II

Morning 9:00

Memorial prayers are recited as part of this service

Evening 8:10

we have attained is the result of training and conditioning, discipline and dedication. If we are able to rise to the stratospheric heights of piety and righteousness, this has been made possible by the rigorous ground rules of conduct by which we live and in accordance with which we conduct our daily lives.

It should be added that if we are a "chosen" people, we can remain so only if we are also a "choosing" people. Our standards will remain high only if we choose to follow the Law that God gave us, the Torah which he revealed to us. If some of our lustre has begun to dim, if current statistics disclose a pattern of behavior which is beginning to conform to "normalcy" this may be attributed to our neglect of our role as a "choosing" people.

It is toward the resurgence of our power to choose God's way that the annual observance of Shavuoth summons us. If we are to restore our place as a chosen people, we will first have to rededicate ourselves to the task of choosing. May this be our collective choice and may we in turn be blessed with a happy, healthy, and joyous holiday.

H. L.

KIDDUSH SPONSOR

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Arnold Weiss in honor of the *yahrzeit* of his parents.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Ernest Adler, Justin J. Bayer, Milton Eletz, Mrs. Caroline Goldstein, Gerald M. Goldstein, Alexander Kommel, Mrs. Adolph Levy, Abraham Mandel, Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Judge George Postel, Adolph Schenker, Elgin Shulsky, Mrs. Abraham Silver, Larry Stern, Mrs. Reuben Westerman, Herman Wouk and Mrs. Albert A. Zuch.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coan, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heyman, Dr. and Mrs. Norman B. Javitt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Karlin, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kotimsky, Mr. and Mrs. I. Jerome Riker, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell.

Our special congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adler, who are, this coming week, observing their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Bon Voyage —

We wish a pleasant voyage and safe return to the following who are leaving for trips abroad: Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross.

We look forward to their return in good health.

New Residences —

Our best wishes to the Feinberg Twins and to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Abrams, who are moving into new homes.

IN THE BACKGROUND

We continue to receive comments and reports on the Youth Sabbath which was observed in our congregation on Saturday, May 11th. All of the comments stress the beauty of the services and the magnificent way our young people conducted them.

It should be remembered however, that while the lion's share of the credit goes to the young people, in the background, are the two instructors who trained them for this service. We refer, of course, to our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, and our Cantor, A. Joseph Cohen, who spent many hours in preparing the boys.

While on the subject of credits, we are happy to note that Cantor A. Joseph Cohen was elected to the Executive Board of the Cantorial Association of America, affiliated with Yeshiva University. This organization represents cantors all over the country and devotes itself to the furtherance of the art of cantillation and the welfare of cantors in traditional synagogues. We are happy that our cantor has been chosen for a leadership role in such a group.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our hearty congratulations to Miss Hannah Harris, devoted kindergarten teacher of Ramaz School on the honor she received from the Yeshiva University Alumni Association.

Miss Harris,, whose contribution to early childhood education is recognized throughout the country, was awarded the Horeb Achievement Award by her peers at the Yeshiva University Teachers Institute.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Beginning with Friday evening, May 31st, services on Friday evening will be held at 6:30. It is necessary to set this later time for services because of the lateness of sunset. Friday evening services will remain at 6:30 until further notice.

Evening services during the week will remain at the present time of 6:15.

ETHICS OF THE FATHERS

The Class in Ethics of the Fathers will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at 7:00 P.M. and on Saturday, June 1st, at 7:15 P.M., in the Synagogue Library.

THE OLD IS DISAPPEARING — WATCH FOR THE NEW



SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks, contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Sidney Axelrod, Mrs. Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Pauline Einstein, Mrs. Jack Farber, Mrs. Oscar Gudis, Mrs. Harry Heyman, Mrs. Maurice N. Jaffe, Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Mrs. Abraham L. Marcus, Mrs. Morris Morgenstern, Mrs. Toni Morgenstern, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Joseph Roth, Mrs. Martha Schacter, Mrs. Elliot W. Siegel, Mrs. Sam Taffet, Mrs. Samuel Witkin and Mrs. Abraham Wouk.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolences to our esteemed member, Herman Katz, upon the passing of his beloved sister, Rae Ribakove.

We record with sorrow the passing of Lillian J. Rossant, the beloved wife of our devoted member, Joseph B. Rossant.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families. We pray that they may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

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Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein Rabbi
Haskel Lookstein Ass't Rabbi
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday, May 24, 1963**

*Evening 6:15

Saturday

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion:

Bemidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20

Haftorah: Hosea 2:1-22

Evening 8:00
Conclusion of Sabbath 8:50

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Friday, May 31, 1963

*Evening 6:30

Saturday

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion:

Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftorah: Judges 13:2-25

Evening 8:10
Conclusion of Sabbath 8:55

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Daily Services

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 6:15

*Sabbath candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath should light candles at the time indicated for Friday Evening Services.

INVITATION TO TEENAGERS

We would like to take this opportunity to invite the teenagers of our congregational family to attend the Ninth Annual Torah Leadership Seminar conducted by the Community Service Division of Yeshiva University. The Seminar will be held from August 23rd through September 2nd, at Camp Monroe, a beautiful camp located forty miles from New York City.

The Torah Leadership Seminar is an eleven day event which provides a meaningful camping program and a memorable experience in Jewish living. Regular study sessions are held under the leadership of rabbis from all over the country. Some of the subjects which are covered include essentials of Judaism, prayer, festivals, the Jewish Community, and many others. The study program is arranged on six levels depending upon the age and background of the particular participant.

The program includes preparation for leadership in teenage groups affiliated with traditional synagogues. In addition, there is a full athletic and social program in which the seminar-ians engage.

Many of the young people in our congregation have already tasted the fruits of the Torah Leadership Seminar and have found them to be both satisfying and inspiring. We extend an invitation to all past seminarians and to those who have not been able to attend until now, to register for the forthcoming Torah Leadership Seminar for this summer.

Requests for further information and for applications should be directed to Rabbi Haskel Lookstein at the synagogue office. Please do not delay because registration is limited and many of the places are already filled.

YAHREZITS**May**

25—ILONA STRULOVITS
25—ISRAEL A. EPSTEIN
26—JACOB H. RUBIN
26—SOLOMON LINZER
26—MILDRED BRESLOW
27—FRANK MORGANSTERN
27—AARON BUCHLER
28—MELICHAR HOLLANDER
28—BERTHA HOLLANDER
28—GITEL HOSTYK
29—MORRIS WEISS
29—DAVID WALD
30—JAY J. WEISMAN
30—MARY GOODMAN
30—LINA JAFFE
30 ADOLPH HIRSCH
31—JENNIE RESNICK
31—HENRY SCHARF
31—JULIUS D. EISENSTEIN

June

1—DORA HARRIS
1—ROSE MANDEL
1—SAMUEL GURA
2—MARY J. SILBERMAN
2—MOSES WARSHAVSKY
2—ALICE BAYER
3—ALLAN B. JACOBY
3—JACOB H. ALPERT
3—JACOB WEISS
3—SAMUEL SHAPIRO
4—HYMAN HYAMS
5—DAVID S. TRACHMAN
5—CHARLES FINKELSTEIN
6—REBECCA E. ABELOFF
6—IRVING BACHRACH
6—REBECCA GREENBERG
6—SAMUEL B. COOPERMAN
6—MARS COHEN
7—TANCHUM SILBERMAN
7—MEYER VESELL
7—ABRAHAM L. MARCUS

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MOument 3-0300

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SIDNEY FLATOW
JACK LEFKOWITZ
JULES M. SAX
RAYMOND SCHWARTZ
IRWIN SHAPIRO

WEEK OF MAY 26th

M. LOEB SHEPARD
ELGIN SHULSKY
SAMUEL SINGER

WEEK OF JUNE 2nd

BENJAMIN GOTTESMAN
BENJAMIN PERLMAN
NORMAN A. SHUTMAN
LEON SIGALL
ABBOTT SIMON

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to maintain the Daily Minyan.