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MIDNIGHT SELICOTH SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

The High Holy Day season will be ushered in this year on Saturday night, September 10th, with the traditional Selichoth Service.

As in past years, the service, which inaugurates the penitential season, will contain all of the special features which have made it a wonderful experience for the entire congregational family.

"Midnight" Snack

The proceedings begin with a "Midnight" Snack, sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club, to which all the members of these groups, as well as the entire membership of the congregation are invited.

Our congregational family has been scattered all over the world during the past few months. Many new people have recently moved into the neighborhood and will be worshipping with us for the first time. The pre-Selichoth snack is an ideal time to meet old friends and to greet the newcomers. This "social hour" will begin at 11:30 p.m.

Selichoth Service at 12:30

At 12:30, the congregation will assemble in the main synagogue for the Selichoth Service. The service, which lasts a little over an hour, is rendered more intelligible by periodic interpolations and explanations of the prayers. Congregational melodies and responsive readings in Hebrew and English will enable all to participate actively.

In recent years, more and more young people have come to feel that Selichoth is not a service for the "old folks", but rather a religious experience which they too find rewarding.

Our warmest invitation is extended to the entire congregational family to attend the Midnight Snack and the Selichoth Service this year, and thereby usher in the High Holy Day season in the proper religious spirit.

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to attend

Selichoth Services

Saturday Night, September 10th

12:30 A.M. in the Synagogue

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will conduct the service

Cantor A. Joseph Cohen will officiate

A Midnight Snack

11:30 P.M. — Assembly Hall

Sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club

SEATING FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

Reservations for seats for the High Holy Days may still be made. The synagogue office, which is open daily from nine in the morning to five in the evening, will be happy to serve those who will apply.

We make this announcement with some hesitancy. There are a number of men's seats available. Unfortunately, there are no ladies' seats available. The membership of the congregation has increased over the years and every member receives in return for his membership, two seats — one man's and one woman's. Very few accommodations, therefore, remain for non-members.

Nevertheless, we will all do everything possible to provide places for regular worshippers and for those who have recently moved into the neighborhood. Please contact the synagogue office.

A REQUEST TO MEMBERS

We are receiving many requests from new residents of our neighborhood who seek to worship with us during the High Holy Days. We would love to accommodate all, but unfortunately we have no ladies' seats available and only a limited number of men's seats.

We, therefore, appeal to our members to assist us, if they can, in this matter. Some members do not return to the city from their summer homes for the High Holy Days. We beg them to inform us accordingly, so that we may be able to accommodate others in their places.

Naturally, a member of the congregation is always welcome and has priority over all others. If, however, one is in a position to be helpful to a newcomer, he is performing not alone an act of courtesy, but of religious generosity.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday

THE WEEKLY PORTION

NITZAVIM — VAYELECH

"Life and Good: Death and Evil"

"Behold I set before you this day, life and good, death and evil." This is the classic expression in the Torah of the doctrine of free will and self-determinism for each human being. Man is not innately good — for if so the Torah would be unnecessary; nor is he innately evil — for if so, the Torah would be a useless document. Man is born with a capacity to choose. The Torah is a guide to help him make the right choice, but no one can force him to do so.

This doctrine, as one can easily discern, is a source of optimistic faith in negating any predisposition to sin which might reside in the human personality. At the same time, it is a source both of anxiety and challenge to learn that no clear predisposition for righteousness exists either.

The traditional interpretation of the above verse is that life is dependent upon good behavior; death is the result of evil. As expounded by Rashi this is one of a series of assurances in the Torah about just retribution for one's conduct.

This particular verse, however, lends itself to the understanding of a self-induced retributive system. The pre-occupation with the good and the ideal is true life, while the perpetration of evil is a living death. In this sense the Talmud affirms that just as the righteous are considered living even after their demise — for their goodness lives on through their disciples — so that evil individual is considered to be dead even while he is physically alive.

The Torah views human life as characterized by more than a mere vegetative or animalistic existence. Human life is unthinkable without the activity of one's "divine image", the soul. Creativity and friendship, love and charity, study and *ma'asim tovim*, self-understanding and criticism, all are an essential part of living. Without

these qualities a heart may beat but a soul lies dormant. Such an individual chooses a living death rather than a significant life.

We might note briefly, one further interpretation on a universal rather than personal level. A world chooses good or evil in macrocosm as the individual chooses in microcosm, with one significant difference; the outcome of the individual's choice of good or evil needs homiletical embellishment to associate it with life or death, while the outcome of the world's choice of good or evil is life or death in the pragmatic sense.

When a society chooses to go the way of the animal, to obscure man's divine image and to negate his soul, to treat individuals as things to be manipulated rather than as people to be understood, to live by power rather than by justice, by might rather than by spirit, that society is choosing a path leading to destruction and death. History, particularly of recent vintage, is replete with examples of the doctrine and fall of human values which accompanied the disintegration of societies. Often, however, it was not alone the evil society that suffered death. This was also the portion of nations and peoples which stood by in a tacit acceptance of that evil society.

Life for the individual, as well as for the world, is possible only if we choose the good and if we progress morally, ethically and intellectually at a rate commensurate with our commercial, material and scientific growth. On the eve of the year 5727, we pray that the world will usher in an era of unprecedented advances in the "gross international ethic" along with the anticipated rises in the gross international product. In this way, we shall be sure of a blissful, peaceful and blessed standard of living.

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PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

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- ☐ My child is a candidate for the school.
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(Name) (Address) (Age of child)

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WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

With this issue of the Bulletin, we resume publication of our weekly organ in which we plan to bring congregational news and announcements to our members and friends. With this edition of the Bulletin, we begin Volume 35, representing our 35th year of publication in which we bring to our readers such reading matter which we know will be of interest and of service to them.

In addition to reporting on all activities which will be occurring in the congregation during the 1966-67 season, we plan to continue to publish the series "The Weekly Portion" in which are discussed concepts and interpretations pertaining to the portion of the week.

When space permits, we hope to resume the column "Headlines of Jewish Interest". In this column we record items of Jewish news which might otherwise not come to the attention of our readers. From time to time, we will also include articles about general activities and services in the Jewish community of New York City, under the heading "Of Community Interest."

We extend a hearty welcome back to all our readers who may have been away during the summer. We hope that all have enjoyed a pleasant and restful summer, and we look forward to an active and fruitful year of activity with the full participation of our membership.

A REQUEST TO PARENTS

With the beginning of the academic year, many of our young people will be leaving the neighborhood to take up residence out-of-town, to pursue their academic careers. We are certain that they would like to know what is happening at their congregation while they are away.

We will be happy to send all out-of-town students the Bulletin. Parents are requested to send us the addresses of their children who are away at school. Please include the Zip Code.

Our intentions are the best. Please help us by cooperating.

PLEASE NOTE

This edition of the Bulletin includes information for the period ending September 13th. The forthcoming issue will include the schedule for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and will appear on September 13th.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birth—

A hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman upon the birth of a daughter to their children Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Perlman.

Congratulations to our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Cohen upon the birth of a daughter to their children Mr. and Mrs. Y. Eisenstein.

A hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klein upon the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter, born to their children Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Klein.

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Jacob J. Avner, Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Sidney Flatow, Mrs. Samuel Frank, Mrs. Maximillian W. Goldstein, Samuel Greenberg, Mrs. Norman B. Javitt, Dr. Nathan Kalischer, Sidney Kotimsky, Benjamin Mandelker, Mrs. Herman Merkin, Mrs. Saul H. Nack, Aaron H. Onish, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Joseph Roth, Adolph Schimel, Raymond Schwartz, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, Dr. Edgar C. Trautman, and Samuel L. Zuckerman.

Marriage—

We extend our warmest wishes of Mazel Tov to our devoted member Dr. Harry Kaplan upon the recent marriage of his son Jay, to Miss Carey Halperson of Brookline, Mass.

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members Mr. and Mrs.

Jules Podell upon the marriage of their daughter Malda to Mr. Peter Leamas.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. William Rosenbluth upon the marriage of their son Lawrence to Miss Debra Miller.

We extend our best wishes of Mazel Tov to Mrs. Florence S. Cooper upon the marriage of her granddaughter Faith Bloome to Mr. Dennis Hershkowitz.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Freezer, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Holzer, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Saul H. Nack, Mr. and Mrs. Romie Shapiro, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Sussman, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Zuch.

Condolences—

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the following members of the congregation who during recent weeks suffered losses in their family:

Frederick Margareten and Mrs. Samuel Weiss on the passing of their beloved sister, Yetta Landau.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frank on the passing of their beloved daughter, Patricia Wetchler.

Mrs. Louis Orwasher upon the passing of her beloved mother.

We pray that the families will, henceforth, be blessed with many years of uninterrupted happiness.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION SERVICES TO RESUME ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

The Junior Congregation will begin its regular Saturday morning services on the Sabbath of September 10th at 10:15 o'clock. This year, once again, the Junior Congregation will be under the supervision of the director of youth activities of the congregation, Mr. Noam Shudofsky.

The Junior Congregation service of worship is directed to youngsters between the ages of 7 and 12. We urge all parents of children between those ages, to arrange to have their children at the opening service of the Junior Congregation.

SELICHOH DURING THE WEEK

During the week preceding Rosh Hashanah (Monday through Wednesday) Selichoth will be recited in the morning before the services, according to the following schedule: Monday morning, September 12th, 7:00; Tuesday morning, September 13th, 7:00; Wednesday morning, September 14th, 6:30.

On Wednesday morning, the special service of Zichor Brith will be chanted by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Selichoth will be recited one half hour before the morning service.

Make a special effort to attend the services when Selichoth will be recited. The religious inspiration which they provide makes the extra effort more than worthwhile.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We recently received applications for membership in the congregation from:

Mr. Isidor Berkowitz
Mrs. Betty Herman
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker
Dr. and Mrs. Martin Schub

The applications will be processed in accordance with the established practice of the congregation. In the meantime, we extend a hearty welcome to the applicants and to their families.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks recent contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from: Mrs. Samuel Feder, Mrs. William Lebowitz, and Mrs. Frederick Margareten.

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

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO CONDUCT CLASS ON ROSH HASHANAH LAWS

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will conduct a class on the Laws pertaining to Rosh Hashanah on Saturday, September 10th, at 6:15 p.m. in the Synagogue Library.

A cordial invitation is extended to all worshippers to attend the class.

KOSHER BUTCHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the information of residents of our neighborhood, we list the butchers under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

Max Backer

202 E. 87th St. — AT 9-7234

L. Berger

1224 Lexington Ave. — RE 7-9800

Eugene Czeisler

1520 York Ave. — RH 4-6488

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Bernard Scheiner

1200 Madison Ave. — AT 9-5461

Leonard Schull

1163 Madison Ave. — SU 7-3545

Eli Vizel

1547 First Ave. — RE 4-2280

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY, SEPT. 3rd**

*Evening6:15

SATURDAY

Morning9:00

Weekly Portion: Kee Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 - 22

Evening7:15

Conclusion of Sabbath8:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30

Sunday Morning8:30

Evening6:15

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10th

*Evening6:15

SATURDAY

Morning9:00

Junior Congregation10:15

Weekly Portion: Nitzavim-Vayeilech

Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

Evening7:00

Conclusion of Sabbath7:45

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30

Sunday Morning8:30

Evening6:15

* Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:15 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

PLEASE NOTE

The morning service on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, will be held at 8:30 o'clock.



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2—ALBERT A. KAPLAN
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2—FEIVEL WEILER
2—ROSALIA MANDELBAUM
3—JACOB M. HOLZER
3—ANNIE SPIEGEL
3—SAMUEL LULOFF
3—HARRY WECKER
3—CHAIM MOSES FELDMAN
4—RACHEL BACHRACH
4—NANCY WECHSLER
4—REUBEN RABINOWITZ
5—CHARLES SCHLANG
5—SIGMUND ROTH
6—ABRAHAM GRONOWITZ
6—PEARL DUBINER
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