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LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING: 8:01 p.m.

SEDRAH FOR WEEK: "BAMIDBOR"

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FEAST OF WEEKS

The second of the three pilgrimage holidays is known as "Chag Hashevuoth," or the Feast of Weeks (the pilgrimage holiday being Passover and the third, Tabernacles). It is ushered in at the sunset of the fifth of Sivan, which corresponds this year to Tuesday, May the thirtieth; and lasts for two days, namely, till after sunset of Sivan the seventh, or June the first. It is called "Chag Shevuoth" in Deuteronomy XVI, 10, as well as in the silent devotion of the holiday, in which latter it is also referred to as "Z'man Matan Torosenu," the Time of the Giving of Our Torah. Besides the two aforementioned names, we find it referred to, in Exodus XXIII, 16, as "Chag Hakozi," the Feast of Harvest, and, in Numbers XXVIII, 26, as "Yom Habikkurim," the Day of the First Fruits.

Memorial Services

The main reading of the first day is the portion in "Jethrah" in which the giving of the Torah is described and the Ten Commandments are contained in totality. The reading of the second day is taken from Deuteronomy, in the section of "Reah," in which the holidays are described. It is obvious that the reading of the first day is in full agreement with the calling of the Feast of Weeks as "Z'man Matan Torosenu," the Time of the Giving of Our Torah. Of the same nature is the saying of "Tikun" on the first evening of the Feast of Weeks; as well as the recitation of "Akdomus" on the following morning before the reading of the Torah. In this connection mention is made of the custom of holding memorial services (Yizchor) on the morning of the second day. Celebrating the great events of the past, we can not forget the past generations. To be sure the saying of "Tikun" and that of "Akdomus" are by no means a mere casual recollection of the past generations. They revivify to some extent the giving of the Torah.

Akdomus

Another special feature of the Feast of Weeks, which has to do with the giving of the Torah, is the prayer of "Akdomus." It is so called because of the first word of the prayer, which is "Akdomus" and means "The beginning of . . ." This prayer is in the main a praise to heaven and an appreciative description of the greatness of the Torah. It is said after the Torah is placed on the pulpit table to be read; but before the first person called up to the Torah recites the first benediction over the reading which is about to start.

Story of Ruth

The festival under discussion is also called the Feast of Harvest. This is due to the fact that it takes place when the wheat harvest begins in Palestine. For this reason, we read on the second day before the reading of the Torah, "Megilath Ruth," the scroll in which a story that occurred at this time of the year is described. In brief it is a story of a young Moabite woman called Ruth, who became a true Jewess. She followed her Jewish mother-in-law, Naomi, to the Jewish land upon the return of the latter from Moab. This she did even though Naomi was the only one who remained of the previously wealthy and now impoverished family that went to Moab at a time of drought in Palestine. Ruth's husband, his father, and his brother died in Moab; her sister-in-law accompanied Naomi a short distance and then returned to Moab; yet she remained steadfast to the resolution to go to Palestine and become a true Jewess there. This story of Ruth makes the appellation Feast of Harvest mean not only the harvesting of grain, but also of human souls.

MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ

HOLIDAY SERVICES

	Harlem	West Side
Tuesday Evening	8:05	8:05
Wednesday Morning	8:45	9:00
Thursday Morning	8:45	8:45

Yiskor Services on Thursday Morning
 10:15 A.M.

*Those who wish to have El Mola Rochmim
 said, should fill out blank and send to
 office not later than Monday.*

You are invited to "Listen In" on Rabbi
 Herbert S. Goldstein's Mid-Week Religious
 Radio Message, WCDA--Wednesday,
 9:15-9:30 P. M.

"BRING IN" A NEW CLUB OR GYM MEMBER

BOYS WEEK IN WEST SIDE BUILDING TO BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Talmud Torah Pupils to Emulate Spirit of Elders In Conducting Entire Service

In harmony with the proclamation of President Roosevelt declaring the current week to be Boys' Week, the I. S. at the West Side Building will have its services conducted solely by boys. The Services are usually of the same superior decorum as those of their parents.

Your Own Talented Youth

This Shabbos you will find your own youngsters acting the capacities of Cantor, Bal-Korem, Rabbi, and gabbi.

Gabiel Goldstein, Rabbi; Marvin Livingston, Cantor, Friday Evening; Benjamin Newhouse, Cantor, Shachris; Sid Hauer, Cantor, Musaf; Benjamin Newhouse, Shammis; Joshua Levine, Usher; Jules Cohen, Usher; Jerome Goldstein, Usher; Bernard Fishman, Usher; Ira Bernstein, Usher.

The following are the boys who will be called up to the Torah and will read their own portion: Charles Bendheim, Cohen; Marvin Livingston, Lavie; Gabriel Goldstein, Sh'lishi; Bernie Udell, Reviie; Benjamin Newhouse, Chamishi; Dave Moskowitz, Shishi; Sid Hauer, Shevie; Barney Levinsky, Ocharoin; Harry Stein, Moftir; Ira Bernstein, Hogba.

INTERESTING SERIES OF SATURDAY AFTERNOON TALKS ON JEWISH ETHICS CONCLUDES THIS SATURDAY

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ANNUAL FIELD DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

Unless the weather will prove to be unfavorable, the morning of Sunday, June 4th, will witness a large group, composed of gym members, club members, and Talmud Torah classes, leaving the I. S. for their annual field day. This year the field day will be held at Rice Stadium, in Pelham Bay Park.

ENTRY BLANK

Place a check before event you wish to enter.

Events Open to Senior Club and Gym Members Only

-1. Fifty yard dash.
-2. One hundred yard dash.
-3. High jump.
-4. Broad jump.
-5. Two hundred yard relay (4 men).
-6. Three-legged race.

Events Open to Intermediate Club and Gym Members Only

-1. Fifty yard dash.
-2. Broad jump.
-3. Two hundred yard relay (4 men).
-4. Three-legged race.
-5. Wheelbarrow race.
-6. Seventy-five yard dash.

Events Open to Junior Gym and Club Members

-1. Forty yard dash.
-2. Broad jump.
-3. Relay race (220 yards, 4 men).
-4. Three-legged race.
-5. Wheelbarrow race.

Events Open to Talmud Torah Classes Only

-1. Fifty yard dash.
-2. Forty yard dash.
-3. Relay race (220 yards, 4 men).
-4. Broad jump.
-5. Three-legged race.
-6. Wheelbarrow race.

Events Open to Girls

-1. Basketball throw for distance.
-2. Forty yard dash.
-3. Three-legged race.
-4. Baseball throw for distance.

Name

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Division

(Int., Sr., Jr.) (T. T., Club, Gym)

Age

JEWISH CHILDREN HIGHEST IN INTELLIGENCE

As a result of high birthrate in low intelligence groups and low birthrate among the intellectual, the average intelligence of New Yorkers is on the decline. This conclusion was reached by scientists after studying the records of 100,000 children in Greater New York, and reported to the Association for the Advancement of Science by Dr. J. B. Maller of Columbia University recently.

Children of native-born parents ranked higher scores in the test than those of foreign parentage, and Jewish children stood first among the groups.

Forum

"THE WILL TO PEACE"

"President Roosevelt in sending his peace message throughout the world, is attempting to take peace out of the realm of creed and place it in the area of deed. Hitler on the other hand, in his reply on Wednesday, has made peace professions, the sincerity of which, time alone can tell. I hope, he may not be found wanting. If he begins at home, he will be trusted abroad.

The President has made it clear that each nation will be safe, and its fortifications impregnable, when every other nation will desist from preparing implements of aggression. The way to peace is not through intimidation by means of a multiplicity of various kinds of weapons but rather by the abolition of fear, which can only come about when each nation will feel that its neighbor is disarmed.

The President by his bold stand for disarmament has set the pace for peace. Peace moves can be more effective if they are part and parcel of patriotism. Heretofore, the advocates of peace have not always been found in the ranks of loyal and patriotic citizens. Therefore their protestations have not been accepted as the professions of love and faithfulness, but rejected rather as indications of cowardliness or disloyalty. Our patriotism, to be sublime, and religious, must be as passionate in its propaganda for peace as it is zealous for defense in war. Let us remember that "peace hath her victories no less renowned than war" as Milton put it.

The Bible through the prophet Micah envisaged the era of universal peace through a twofold aspect, one economic and the other religious. We read first "And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares; and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn the arts of war anymore. Thus the sword instead of remaining as an instrument of destruction, shall be converted into a ploughshare, an implement of production. When all men shall have plenty then we shall have reached the first stage of universal peace. Further, the prophet tells us "For all people shall walk everyone in the name of his God, . . . with none to make him afraid." Thus the second and final step for universal peace will be heralded by religious tolerance. This is the divine message to mankind.

The Psalmist bids us "to seek peace and pursue it." The President has struck the first universal note for peace in our day. It is now our patriotic duty to stand solidly behind his ideal and practical program for peace. We can do this best by affiliating ourselves individually and collectively with all peace movements whose aim is to promote the welfare of government nationally and universally. Let us at the same time be on guard against subversive movements the leaders of which demand peace and tolerance but who, when they come into power, are the first to deny to others the privileges they want accorded to them. I have in mind particularly the Communists and their satellites.

Just as we have a war patriotism, let us have a peace patriotism. Peace patriotism will mean the safety of every citizen of the nation, which will in the end result in security for the citizens of every nation. Let us take to heart the words of the following stanza,—"Peace and world disarmament are only what we pray for, wars, and guns, and battleships, are things we have to pay for."

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

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