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IMPRESSIVE YOM KIPPUR SERVICE HELD

Rothschild Family Honored Guests

Our congregation was greatly honored at its Yom Kippur services when it acted as host to Baron and Baroness Eduard de Rothschild and their daughter and to Baron Robert de Rothschild. We are proud to say that they were very impressed with our service.

The cooperative spirit of our members was once again displayed at the High Holiday services. The dignity of our inspiring service was maintained through the efforts of our competent staff of ushers.

Those of great assistance during the Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur holidays were: Max E. Sanders, Joseph Settel, Jack Berlin, Harold Kaplan, Lawrence Mirken, Charles Cohen, Daniel Weiss, Joe Cliff, and Buddy Friedman.

Gabriel F. Goldstein was in complete charge of the overflow services held in our Social Hall. Our grateful thanks are extended to him for the fine manner in which the services were conducted. In addition he read the Torah and blew the Shofar. Gabriel's assistants were: Sid Harris, Buddy Udell, Hank Epstein, Morton Langer, and Dick Horowitz.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

Notice is hereby given to all members to attend the Annual Membership Meeting on Monday evening, October 28, 1940 at 8:30 P.M., for the purpose of electing Trustees and Directors.

Please be present to cast your ballot and to receive reports of our various activities.

Cordially,

MORRIS JABLOW, Sec'y

P.S. - A meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors will be held immediately after the conclusion of the Membership Meeting.

OUR SUCCAH



SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCCOTH CEREMONIES

The Succoth holiday derives its name from the Hebrew word "succah", the temporary structure built especially for the festival. It is not entirely closed, and the foliage used to decorate it, is sparsely laid to allow the sun and stars to shine through. It is in this dwelling that one has to eat and even sleep (if health permits) during the seven days of Succoth. The temporary nature of the structure is symbolic of the Jews' suffering, and hazards in the exile.

Erub Tabshilin

To allow for preparation of food on the Holiday for the Sabbath Tabshilin must be made on Wednesday, October 23.

Esrog and Lulab

Another important feature of the festival is the waving of the "esrog" and "lulab" every morning of the seven days of Succoth proper, except Saturday. According to the rabbinic interpretation, the "esrog" and "lulab" taken together teach us the

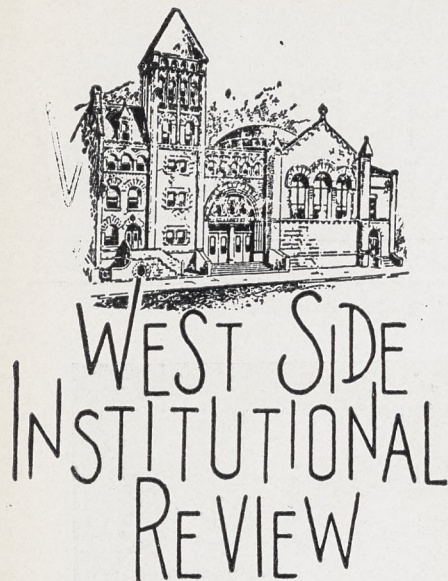
great lesson of unity and cooperation.

Hashanoth

Special prayers called "Hashanoth", are said as a part of the morning service during the holiday. The greatest number of these prayers are recited on the last day of "chol hamoed", known as "Hoshanah Raba". On this day, the worshippers walk around the synagogue seven times.

Shemini Atzereth & Simchath Torah

Following "chol hamoed" we observe "Shemini Atzereth" which means the Eighth Day of Assembly. The nearest modern parallel to this festival is what might be termed a farewell party. This festival lasts two days, the first of which is called "Shemini Atzereth" and the second "Simchath Torah". The latter means rejoicing over the Torah, and it is on this holiday that the reading of the Torah is completed and is begun over again, and we rejoice on that account.



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BRITAIN PROMISES -- 1917 and 1940

In a statement drafted by Arthur Greenwood, member of Churchill's wartime cabinet, and recently delivered to the American Jewish Congress, the hope was expressed that a British victory would result in a new world order in restoring "freedom and full equality before the law" to the Jews, and that "the conscience of civilized humanity would demand that the wrongs suffered by the Jewish people in so many countries should be righted".

Most of us, at first, agreed with Rabbi Stephen S. Wise's comment that this statement has "farther reaching implications than the Balfour Declaration", which was issued in 1917, also a critical war period for Great Britain; but when we recall the White Paper on Palestinian partition our optimism is destroyed.

Our choice in the present war is undoubtedly Great Britain, but let us not form any illusions about this. It is mainly because the interests of democracy will best be served by a British victory that we are pro-British. We support them not as Jews but as lovers of democracy and their promises, implied or otherwise, have

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THE 33rd COMMANDMENT

"Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 33rd Commandment (or the Fifth of the Ten Commandments), concerns itself with honoring father and mother, for it is written "Honor thy father and thy mother in order that thy days may be lengthened upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

I was very impressed as I read the introduction to Mesilas Yesharim, where Moses Chaim Luzzatto makes the point that the trouble in the world is that we take cardinal rules for granted, but we do not stress them. Luzzatto says, "I have not written this book to teach the reader anything new, but rather to attract his attention to certain well known

and generally accepted truths, for the very fact that they are well known, and generally accepted is the cause of their being overlooked." I feel the same is true in the physical world. Air, sunshine, water, exercise and rest are generally accepted as necessary for our physical well being, yet we overlook them, perhaps because they are so self-evident. So too in the spiritual world the generally accepted morals and truths are overlooked, as for instance, the commandment to honor our father and mother.

Since the father is usually less popular with his children because he restrains them and the mother is usually more popular because she yields to their wishes, the Torah places the father first, so that one should honor his father as well as his mother. On the other hand, since a child is apt to fear his father more than his mother because the former is the teacher of the two, the Torah in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 3 commands "Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father," making it obligatory to fear the mother as well as the father.

What is included in the term honoring? The Rabbis say this means one should, if necessary, feed his parents, clothe them and lead them to and from their destination.

not had and will never have any influence on our sympathies. They may promise all day long, but unless their fulfillment is beneficial to the "Empi-aah" their promises may well be discounted. Take the famous Balfour Declaration and compare it with the thoughts contained in the recent plans for partition.

A few years back most Americans wrongly opposed the idea of collective security on the basis that it would place us in the position of pulling England's chestnuts out of the fire. We recognized that Britain had nurtured a Frankenstein that had grown strong and vicious enough to turn against her, and we were not particularly anxious to help. Now we realize that England's chestnuts presented a world problem then, and presents a world problem today. That is why the Jewish people will continue to extend every aid to Britain; but in allying ourselves with the side representing civilization, let it be known that we do not do so because England is any less selfish than before or because we expect special favor.

M. H. F.

CLUB NOTES

On Sunday evening, October 20, the youth groups of the W.S.I.S. will begin their season of activities with a Succoth Ball. The affair will take the form of a community sing and dance. Rabbi Goldstein will greet the groups on behalf of the congregation. Refreshments will be served.

The Senior League will hold an Autumn Cruise Dance on Saturday night, October 26. Tickets are priced at \$1.00 per couple. All members and friends of the Senior League are cordially invited to attend.

Rudolph Wittenberg, in cooperation with the Governing Board and the W.P.A., has organized three new groups. The groups are: A Choral Group, A Folk Dance Group, and a Drama Workshop. The Choral Group which will start with Jewish and American Folk songs in simple harmony will meet on Sundays at 5:00 P.M. The Folk Dance Group will meet on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. for rehearsal. The Drama Workshop is planning an ambitious program of dramatic arts. This group will meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 P.M.

THIS
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FEAST OF BOOTHS

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

It was with perhaps a prescience of the future that the Torah established the Feast of Booths. For, in the many centuries following the events in the wilderness, millions of Israelites have been forced to reside in temporary dwellings, and to be exposed to every oppression of the elements. And now the saddest of festivals is taking place, with more millions of our people starving in Poland, and facing starvation in all the totalitarian countries.

We should rejoice here, therefore, that our booths are but symbols, representatives of the olden travels in the wilderness. The succah is open to the sky, yet we may rush to shelter when the heavens pour. We eat on rude tables, but the food is prepared in our own homes. There is sufficient for all.

There is little we can do today to alleviate the sufferings of those who have lost their homes and must become wanderers in a hostile land. Nevertheless it would be well if we could but send them a lattice covering of vegetation for their heads; if we could provide them with but a morsel for grace and a drop of wine for sanctification. The enemies of Israel are determined not to change the beliefs of our people, as in the past; they are today bent on complete extermination, whether immediate or long drawn out.

But there are still ways of assisting the victims of history's cruelest persecution. There are agencies that do whatever is possible to rescue the available sufferers from tyranny. On this holiday, when we sit in booths, and when our wanderers have not even a broken hut to rest in, no more festive celebration can be devised than the dedication of some of the wealth that is still ours to the assistance of those who need the love of their brethren more than ever before in our troubled history.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE	
Remember To Make Erub Tabshilin	
Light Candles Wednesday Eve	
and Thursday	4:57
Light Candles Friday Eve	4:54
Succoth Services:	
Wednesday Evening, Erev Succoth	5:00
Thursday Morning	9:00
Thursday Evening	5:00
Friday Morning	9:00
Friday Evening	5:00
Chol Hamoed Services:	
Saturday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	3:45
Saturday Evening	4:45
Sunday Morning	6:30; 7:30; 8:15
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:30; 7:15; 8:00
Mincha	4:40
Followed by the Interpretation of the	
Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein	
Hashanah Raba	
Wednesday Morning	6:15; 7:30
Memorial Services, Yiskor will be	
held on Sh'mini Atzereth.	
Thursday Morning, October 24	

RADIO PROGRAMS OF JEWISH INTEREST

October

SUNDAY

9:45 A.M. Religious News Reporter WMCA

(Reginald Kennedy - Executive Director of the Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.) This program is broadcast every Sunday.

1:00 P.M. Church Of The Air WABC

October 20 - Rabbi Solomon Gold-
man, Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chi-
cago, Ill.

October 27 - Reverend Monsignor
Fulton J. Sheen, D.D., Ph. D. Pro-
fessor of Philosophy, Catholic Uni-
versity.

1:30 P.M. American Jewish Hour

WHN

One hour of Jewish tales, songs,
and wit every Sunday afternoon.

TUESDAY

9:00 P.M. Free Speech Forum WEVD

Rev. William C. Kernan of the
Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

SATURDAY

7:00 P.M. Message of Israel WJZ

Produced in co-operation with the
United Jewish Laymen's Commit-
tee. Rabbi Louis L. Mann, Cong.
S'nai, Chicago Ill., will deliver the
sermons during the month of Octo-
ber.

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YISKOR

"May God remember the soul of
..... and the soul of all my
relatives, and for this memorial I
offer charity."

These are the significant words of
the prayer with which we honor the
memories of our dear departed at
Yiskor Services on the last day of
Succoth, Thursday morning, October
24. According to these words, our
prayers for the dead may best find
concrete expression in charity - help
for the living.

If you wish to have prayers said
for your dear departed, kindly fill
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To maintain order and decorum, we
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23rd.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO HOLD FIRST OPEN MEETING

**Mrs. Rothfield to Address Group
Monday, October 21**

Next Monday afternoon, October 21, the Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue will hold its first open meeting of the season. Mrs. Harrison I. Rothfield, formerly Professor of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati, will address the gathering on the topic, "The World Crisis Today".

Mrs. Fay Seligman and Mrs. Samuel Michael will act as co-chairmen of this, the first open meeting of the season. Miss Bessie Abrams and Mrs. Pauline Shryer along with the co-chairmen will serve as hostesses for the afternoon.

The women are energetically working on their plans for the Annual Luncheon to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday afternoon, November 19th.

All women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and join the League in their varied activities.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Many people have already taken advantage of early registration for the Laymen's Institute For Jewish Studies. Registration for all courses will continue until the end of the month. The opening session of the Institute will be held on Wednesday evening October 30.

The Institute offers elementary and advanced courses in History, Bible, Hebrew, Liturgy, Philosophy, Ceremonies, Mishnah, and Talmud. All adults, both men and women, who wish to supplement their knowledge of Judaism will be admitted. A registration fee of ONE DOLLAR will be required for each course. Special rates have been arranged for members.

All who are interested are urged to communicate with Rabbi Lifschitz, Registrar.

Dear Nat:

Many thanks for the splendid manner in which you handled my son's wedding at the Waldorf Astoria.

Isaac Siegel

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Getting Personal

The weekly meeting of the S. S. S. S. (Shabbos Service Snifter Society) was called off last Saturday. . . The urge was there but not the spirits. The Society has decided to lobby against Yom Kippur falling on Saturday in the future. . . This year more of our people observed Columbus Day as a holiday than ever before. . . Congrats to Director Morris Steinberg on having been presented with a set of engrossed resolutions by the Board of Directors. . . It was all in recognition of the fine service which he has rendered to the Synagogue. . . The height of something or other was attained when someone presented last year's ticket and sought admission to our services. . . Joe Cliff told us that when he acts as an usher again next year he will wear a pedometer to find out how much walking the job entails. . . We welcome the return of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Goodman. . . It was also nice to see Mr. and Mrs. David Minchenberg with sons Fred and Morty, but we missed winsome Blossom who did her fasting at the University of Michigan. . . One of our out-of-town students, Harriet Livingston, sent New Year's greet-

ings to Rabbi Goldstein all the way from Mount Holyoke College. . . Several persons who came to say Yizkor called our ushers "Hitlers" when they were not provided with good seats. . . Goering didn't rate at all. . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. I. Druckman, mother of our member A. M. Druckman. . . Those who attended our overflow services were given a real treat when Rabbi Lifschitz led the Neilah prayers. . . Congrats to Rita Cohen and Al Rappaport on the occasion of their marriage. . . In a few weeks they'll be able to give us first hand information on the defense situation in Hawaii. . . Doris Trotzky, one of our younger young ladies, and the daughter of Nat and Helen, celebrates her birthday this week. . . Ask your Dad for orchids, Doris. . . Thanks to Doctor Samuel Weiss for bringing medications to the Yom Kippur service. . . just in case they were needed. . . When we last saw Charles Bendheim and Harold Wohl they were still aglow with joy over the unexpected gridiron victories of their respective alma maters, Lafayette and F. & M., a week ago Saturday.

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