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SUCCAH PREPARED FOR FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK

Our Succah, just off the Social Hall, is being prepared for the Succoth Festival which begins on Friday Evening, September 25.

The Women's Succah Committee will begin work on the beautifying of the Succah immediately after Yom Kippur. They and many other members of the Women's League will be on hand during Succoth to serve the Kiddush.

Once again we ask all of our members and friends to cooperate. Linens, glassware, cake, fruit, "ma-shkeh" are needed. Make your contribution in the form of a donation for the purchase of these things, it will be greatly appreciated. Contributions may be sent in care of the synagogue office.

Accommodations for meals in the Succah are limited, so please telephone for reservations immediately. Mr. Edmund Weil, chairman of the Succah arrangements may be reached through our office — TR. 7-8281.

Rates for the meals are: \$1.60 for adults and \$1.20 for children.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

1. I pledge myself to lead the life of a Jew or Jewess; to be guided by our holy Torah.
2. I shall maintain a single standard of religious loyalty both in and out of the home.
3. I shall keep the Sabbath and Festivals holy.
4. My home shall be a sanctuary where my children can look to me as their priest and teacher.
5. I shall share in my people's problems by contributing to the Synagogue, and educational institutions here and in the Holy Land.
6. I shall include Anglo-Jewish literature in my reading.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS TO BE SAID UPON LIGHTING THE CANDLES EREV YOM KIPPUR

Boroch Ato Adonoi Elohenu Mel-ech ha-o-lom asher kidshanu b'mitzvosov vetzi-vo-nu l'hadlik ner shel yom hakippurim.

Blessed art Thou oh L-d our G-d King of the Universe who has sanctified us with Thy commandments and hast enjoyed us to kindle the lights on the Day of Atonement.

Boruch Ato Adonoi Elohenu Mel-ech ha-o-lem she-he-chiyonu vekimonu vehigianu lazman hazeh.

Blessed art Thou oh L-d our G-d Ruler of the Universe who has given us life and sustenance and brought us to this season.

KOL NIDRE PRAYER TO BEGIN SOLEMN DAY OF ATONEMENT

Sunday night we will usher in a day of prayer and penitence with the solemn Kol Nidre Service. Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will again lead the congregation in this inspiring prayer. Kol Nidre is an absolution from vows made inadvertently in moments of excessive zeal.

Yom Kippur day services will begin on Monday morning, September 21st, at 8 o'clock. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement and Forgiveness, is the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar. It is a fast day devoted to prayer and repentance. In preparation for it we perform two important ceremonies.

Selichoth and Kaporoth

The "selichoth" service is recited every morning during the days between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur.

The Kaporoth ceremony consists of the waving of a fowl over the head during the recitation of a short prayer, after which the fowl is slaughtered and given as charity. Today money is generally used in place of a fowl.

In the Kaporoth ceremony we have the three essentials whose observance brings forgiveness: repentance, prayer, and charity.

Maftir Jonah

In the Mincha Service, with the reading of "Maftir Jonah", we are given an account of the saving of the great city of Nineveh through the repentance of its inhabitants. This serves as an object lesson for the rest of us today to confess our sins and lead the righteous life.

Neilah

The day of fasting and supplication is brought to a close with the recitation of the "Neilah". The last devout request for forgiveness is made, and at the conclusion of the service the shofar is sounded, and the hope that we will be in Jerusalem next year as a redeemed people is expressed.



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I CHOOSE

I remember as a boy, how I enjoyed spelling bees. Nothing gave me a greater thrill than when I was chosen to be one of the two to pick sides. I remember full-well with what care I made my choices. It was a very valuable experience. Life has always presented me with opportunities to choose. What I have learned is that while I may not **always** win, I **never can** unless I choose the best Joshua knew well, when he declared "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. . . but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord". He made his choice of the best regardless of what others might do.

As we approach the Day of Atonement Scripture tells us to make a choice between one of two experiences— (1) Shall we be **Scapegoats** to business, godlessness, to immorality, to prayerlessness, or (2) shall we choose to be with G-d for the coming year for Sabbath, for Synagogue, for Prayer, for Charity, for Righteousness and for Kindness. Choose Ye this day— Choose not, G-d forbid, for religious laxity, but choose this day for a more Religious G-dly life.

THE LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

BIRTH CONTROL



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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So much for the realistic attitude of Judaism on the subject of Birth Control. Two general forms of argument have been levelled against it. No coverage of the problem could claim to be thorough without some effort to analyze and refute the stand of those who raise economic and medical objections to the rearing of large families in modern times.

As for the cost of bringing up children, there is indisputable proof on every hand that it is the well-to-do and not the poor who usually practice birth control. From the eugenic point of view, as against those who maintain that birth control is a selective process which eventually will breed a superior race, is it not true that the so-called "better classes" are using contraceptives to the point of self-extinction, while the less cultured strata even when taught the means of birth-control, neglect them? Thus the inferior strains propagate lustily while the finer are reducing their ranks to the detriment of posterity and the hope of a future greater civilization.

To this more horrible manifestation—the attitude of fear, shame or annoyance with which the possibility of children is contemplated by some young married couples—the economic factor actually plays a secondary role, though it is often paraded out as the principal excuse.

It is a simple matter to bend economics to serve as the excuse for birth control. To those who cry poverty as the reason to put contraceptives into the homes of young people, the Jew says, "Go back to the Commandments. Banish greed, exploitation, child labor—the scores of man-made sources of impoverishment. But, do not expect to solve the problem by banishing LIFE!"

The Mother's Health

We come now to the final argument for birth control which requires rebuttal here.

It has often been stated that the mother who bears many children loses her health. Perhaps this is true of an isolated minority of abnormal cases. Generally speaking, it is fallacious. Statistics prove that maternal longevity is associated with large families. What a picture of health and happiness is the Jewish mother surrounded by the treasured symbols of her married love!

An article in a British medical journal quotes a physician of standing: "Experience of well over forty years convinces me that the artificial limitation of the family causes damage to a women's nervous system. Such a woman may become not only sterile, but nervous and generally in poor health".

In my more than twenty-five years in the rabbinate, I found numerous indications that birth control is largely responsible for the breakdown of stability of the marriage bond. One-room hotel dwellings, two-room suites in expensive apartment buildings chosen for the sake of creating an impression of early affluence, give evidence on every hand of premeditated determination to practice birth control, and barring accidents, to avoid the cares of parenthood.

What are our findings as a result of these enforcedly barren unions in which there is no real home life and a total absence of the joy that children bring into a home? Incompatibilities leading to separation and divorce—or if not this, then a mere "keeping-up-of-appearances" in an atmosphere of tension and bitterness.

It has been stated that a large family bestows its attendant blessings on all of its children. Generosity, affection, understanding of the wants, desires and human qualities that all men are heir to, are woven into the consciousness of the children in a large family. We often find that the one or two children of the "modern" home are self-opinionated, overbearing and selfish.

Furthermore, statistics again prove that the third, fourth or fifth child is apt to be the fittest; for the first or second is not liable "to inherit some of the commonest physical and mental defects of the parents".

Family Purity

Judaism, (more perhaps, than any other religious system), prescribes

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BIRTH CONTROL. . . . (concluded)

certain rules of conduct to be observed in the marital state. There are definite and detailed precepts for the relationship between man and wife. According to our religious observance, the husband is separated from his wife, as far as intercourse is concerned, for twelve days each month. These intervals coincide with the menses, and safeguard the woman from the passions of the man as well as from her own desire during the most fecund periods of her life.

Whether these divinely ordained laws are to serve as a sort of birth control mechanism, as they must by the law of averages, is immaterial. Suffice it to say that they bring into the relationship of husband and wife a monthly renewal of the honeymoon state of happiness and domestic felicity.

Indiscriminate, unjustified birth-control (and the parties to the union are not the ones to justify it) is against the laws of nature and therefore abnormal.

Twofold Function of Woman

At first the female was called "Ishah" or "woman" for she was simply the companion to Adam; but later she was called "Chava" or "Eve" the mother of all living.

Woman reaches her highest and most exalted function in the institution of motherhood. This lofty and eternal privilege is not to be degraded because of the ignoble and selfish example of irresponsible young wives who want to lead a life of ease without the bother of children.

The surface contentment shown by such young women usually masks a feeling of shame and incompleteness. A gnawing sense of sin implants itself in the conscience of men and women who practice birth control. The healthy laughter of a mother with her children is not echoed in the home that is empty of their play. The loving regard with which parents greet their young ones is not reflected in the frozen smiles of those who have chosen instead the panoply of impressive surroundings or the hollow processional of empty pleasures.

I have spoken both in behalf of the law and the spirit of Judaism as it relates to birth control. (For further details read Maimonides, Chapter 15 of the Marital Laws, Schulchan Aruch, Eben Haezer, Hinuch Commandment and Talmud Yevamos 63 to 65). Judaism lifts man up and pronounces the commandment as a blessing: "Be fruitful and multiply".

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:47

WEEKLY PORTION
HAAZINU

Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Pilpul on
"Tshuvah" 5:45
Mincha 6:45
Sunday morning .. 6:30, 7:30, 8:00

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha 2:00, 3:00
Kol Nidre 6:40
Yom Kippur Day Service 8:00
Junior Congregation 10:00

Daily Services

Mornings 6:30, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha 6:50

HIGH HOLYDAYS

Rosh Ha-shanah it is scriven,

On Yom Kippur it is sealed.

To repent these days are given:

Rosh Ha-shanah it is scriven,

Who will die, who'll be forgiven,

Who will ache, and who'll be
healed.

Rosh Ha-shanah it is scriven,

On Yom Kippur it is sealed.

Laurence J. Rosan

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Holoschutz and family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Assemblyman and Mrs. Ira H. Holley and family greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

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GETTING PERSONAL

A Happy New Year to you. . . Services such as ours should indeed have some influence on the Rebbon Shel Olom, the Master of the Universe. With excellent sermons by Rabbis Goldstein and Lifschitz, with Cantor Yavneh outdoing himself, Rabbi Lifschitz confusing Satan with his sounding of the Shofar, we could hope for nothing better than a little peace. . . We were happy to welcome at Services Pvt. Irving Bellsey, Lt. Emanuel Blumenthal, Pvt. Morris Goldman, Pvt. Milton Koch, Pvt. Julius Lubell, Pvt. Alfred Michenberg in a uniform suitable for a general, Pvt. David Moskowitz, Capt. O. Rittner, Pvt. Walter Sedwitz, Pvt. Paul Shapiro and Pvt. Simon Tulbert. . . Mr. Lauer's golden voice enhanced the Supplementary Services in the Social Hall during the first day of Rosh Hashonah. . . Mr. Kessler outdid himself in his spiritual rendition of Shacharith. . . Orchids to Messrs. Max E. Sanders, Jack Berlin, Lawrence Mirken, Harry Ward, Charlie Cohen, Aaron Gross, Simeon Goldstein, Lester Lazarus, Morty Cohen, Robert Breitbart, Louis Landowne and Maurice Spanbock for their gentle and smooth seating and dispossessing people from strangely-acquired seats, and to Sid Harris, Buddy Udell and Hank Epstein who ushered upstairs. . . Thanks to Mr. Haselkorn for trying to blow the Shofar and to Gaby Goldstein for taking over and reading the Torah as well. . . At the Junior Services Laurence Rosan, our up and coming scholar, did some nice work, aided by Joe

Tilem and David Buchsbaum. . . Our own Claire Ullman (Mrs. David H.) hit the jack-pot again!—Assisted by Eddie Cantor, she raised \$2300 for Russian War-Relief—Tell us Claire, what do you have that we don't have. . . Our friend Morris Steinberg can't complain anymore with the grand slam of Mitzvahs he received during the Holidays. . . We missed Harold Kaplan, Buddy Friedman, Danny Weiss and the other ushers in Service—What Service? . . . Our Synagogue was donated by us to the World Fellowship of Faiths for a Rosh Hashonah Meeting—"Moshiach" is around the corner. . . Have you heard the latest—Jews in exile accorded special privileges taking all their belongings with them? . . . Mr. Henry Kessler and daughter, Leona and Rabbis Goldstein and Lifschitz have moved—How about a Kiddush? . . . We welcome the young brides, Mrs. Charles Bendheim, Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Mrs. Lt. Emanuel Blumenthal, Mrs. Simon Tulbert, Mrs. Hank Epstein at Services. . . Glad to see our old patriarch friend, Mr. Isaac Naiditch. . . Oh Natalie Frankel, weren't you proud of your boy in blue. . . Our congratulations are due to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosen who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. . . To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greenberg upon their becoming grandparents. . . We wish you well over the fast. . .



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