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SHEVUOS FESTIVAL SUNDAY AND MONDAY

The Holiday of Shevuos, or Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks, which commemorates the revelation of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, 4,395 years ago, is also known as the Jewish Festival of New Fruits. Its observance follows the Counting of the Omer, which began on Passover. As our Sages teach us, Shevuos is considered as the wedding anniversary of the Jewish People; the Torah is the Marriage Certificate between Israel and G-d.

On the first night we remain awake and recite specially prepared passages known as "Tikkun Lel Shevuos." We study the Tikkun in order to review our Written and Oral Law. The Jews, when they received the Torah, stayed awake the night before in anxious anticipation.

As a reminder of the harvest aspect of Shevuos, the Synagogue and home are usually adorned with floral decorations, as Mt. Sinai was bedecked with foliage on the day of the giving of the Torah. The green branches remind us that the Torah is the Tree of Life.

We eat Dairy Dishes on this festival in honor of the Torah, which is likened to "Milk and Honey."

Please remember to give your U. J. A. contribution through our Congregation. It will reflect credit upon our orthodox Jewish group.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE "A Day In The Country" — June 3rd



Mrs. Harry Ward, Co-Chairman
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TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER DANCE -- SOUVENIR ALBUM TUESDAY, JUNE 10, GRAND BALLROOM, WALDORF ASTORIA

We are very pleased to announce that \$25,000, has been appropriated for immediate urgent repairs to the Synagogue. This is only the beginning. Plans are now being drawn for the complete renovation of our buildings. When you walk into the lobby of our Synagogue you can see paintings of the Synagogue, as it will look when all the repairs are made. There is no doubt in our minds that we will have one of the most beautiful edifices in the City.

The money that has been appropriated for the immediate repairs is only a fraction of the amount that is necessary for the plans that are now being made, and for that we need help. We need the help of every man, woman and child of the Congregation.

On June 10th, we are going to have our Dinner Dance, at the Waldorf Astoria, and on that night we are going to present a Souvenir Album to our Guest of Honor, George L. Livingston. Although the Synagogue will receive no profit from the Dinner Dance, it is from the Ads that you, our members and friends, will place in the Album, that we hope to get a part of the monies necessary to put our buildings into the condition now being planned.

There is only about two weeks left to June 10th. All of you should make every effort possible to attend, and have your friends and business associates attend the festivities, and place your Ads in our Souvenir Album.

ACT AT ONCE — DO NOT DELAY!

YOUTH WEEK

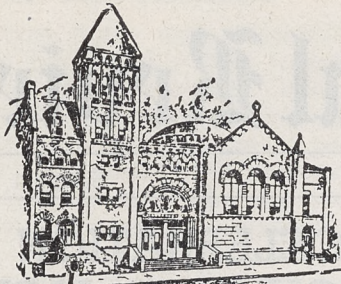


Last Saturday the Youth of our Congregation conducted the entire Service. It was a sight that warmed the heart to see those young men, preach, read the Torah, chant the Service, and act as Ushers. We were very, very proud of our younger generation.

The readers of the Torah were:— Jason Jacobowitz, Jack Verschleiser,

Harvey Shapiro, Alan Mirken, Arthur Udell, Ralph Kestenbaum, Kurt Stern, David J. Beier, Lawrence Kobrin, Marshall Gertner, Laurence Rosen, Herbert Perlman, Samuel Ward, L. Gottlieb, Murray B. Yavneh, Jerome Kamerman, Elisha Langer, (Also Haftorah). Morton S. Cohen read the Prayer for the Government.

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UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

It is most significant that the first extraordinary session of the General Assembly of the United Nations was called together for the purpose of dealing with the Palestinian problem. It is apparent that unless justice is done to the Jew, the world will not be at peace.

There was too much hedging and too little forthright statements made on the part of the United States. However, it is heartening to note that the proposal to create a special committee of 11 to investigate the problem of Palestine and to present a solution, was approved by a vote of 46 to 7. This gives to the committee the confidence of the overwhelming majority of the nations of the world.

Israel Zangwill once said that the Jew "is the barometer of civilization." Whether we shall have a better and more glorious civilization for the future and a healing peace for the Jews and mankind will be evident after the report of the committee of 11 is made to the General Assembly. It is our prayer that "Justice, only justice may be pursued."



288th COMMANDMENT

Not To Sprinkle the Blood of A Blemished Animal

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are not to sprinkle the blood of a blemished animal upon the altar for it is said in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 22, "Blind or broken or maimed or having a wen or scabed or scurvy, ye shall not offer these unto the L—d." And we have it by tradition that this is a negative commandment calling upon us to refrain us from sprinkling the blood of a blemished animal. For under the commandment, "Ye shall not offer these unto the L—d", the act of the sprinkling of the blood, is included.

Of course this law does not prevail today because we do not have the Temple.

289th COMMANDMENT

Not To Slaughter A Blemished Animal

We are not to slaughter a blem-

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ished animal as a sacrifice for it is written, "Blind or broken or maimed, etc". Under the heading of the commandment, "Ye shall not offer these", the act of slaughtering is included. Here too this law does not prevail because the Temple is not in existence.

290th COMMANDMENT

Not To Smoke the Entrails of a Blemished Animal

We are not to smoke the entrails of a blemished animal as a sacrifice as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 22, "Nor make an offering upon the altar unto the L—d." Under the heading "nor make an offering by fire," this commandment not to smoke the entrails, is included. Of course this law does not prevail today because of the destruction of the Temple.

291st COMMANDMENT

We May Not Emascuate I

None of G-d's creatures may be emasculated, neither man, nor beast nor fowl, for it is said in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 24, "That which hath its stones bruised, . . . ye shall not offer unto the L—d; neither shall ye do thus in your land." This is a forbidden practise in Israel.

This commandment is a prohibition against the pagan practise of castration or of emasculation.

YOUTH WEEK

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The Chazanim on Friday evening were: Kurt Stern and Jason Jacobowitz. The Chazanim on Saturday morning were: Harvey Shapiro, Morton Kamerman and Ralph Kestenbaum. Morton Langer acted as President and Jason Jacobowitz as Vice-President.

Harry Lax and Nathan Flax took out the Torah and Joe Tilem returned the Torah to the Ark. Bernard Udell, Hagbah, Teddy Redlich—Gelilah, Marcel Lax, Anim Zmiris.

Jack Verschleiser delivered the sermon in the morning.

The ushers were: Alan Hirsch, Henry Maringer, Emanuel Hochfeld, Leonard Ehrman, Leonard Fink, Robert Hausman, Jack Flaks, Sam Flaks, Harry Redlich, Morton S. Cohen.

At the afternoon Service, Samuel Ward read the Torah, Arnold Moskowitz read the Service and Herbert Reichlin delivered the sermon.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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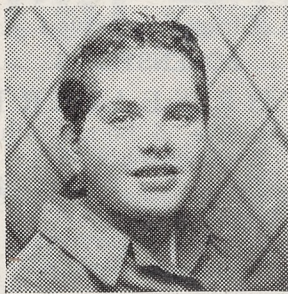
Our Women's League "Day In The Country," on June 3rd, at the beautiful Glaser Estate in Oyster Bay, Long Island, promises to be a function of unusual interest and enjoyment.

The splendid committee of sponsors for this project augurs well for its success. The committee includes: Mesdames William Basser, Walter Freeman, Herbert S. Goldstein, Samuel Greenman, William Horwitz, Irving W. Karpf, Jules Shaftan, Harry Ward and Jess Ward.

If you want to be included in our party, please make your reservation at once. Your check of \$5.00 made out to the Women's League of the W. S. I. S., and mailed to Mrs. Walter Freeman, c/o the Synagogue will include transportation, a delicious luncheon, Mah Jong, cards, swimming and a trip to the shrine of Theodore Roosevelt.

Buses and private cars will leave from the Synagogue at 10 o'clock.

BAR MITZVAH



Gerald Chiebnick

Congratulations to Harry and Jean Chiebnick, whose son, Gerald, was Bar Mitzvah in our Synagogue, last Thursday.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

To-day is the 48th Day of the Omer

Light Candles Friday Evening
Not later than7:53

Weekly Portion: Bamidbar

Friday Evening Service6:30

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 7:00

Mr. Issac Allen's Talmud Class 7:00

Mincha Service8:00

The Sabbath Terminates8:41

SHEVUOS SCHEDULE

Maariv Service8:41

Tikun Shevuos10:30

All Night Vigil

Sunday Morning Service9:00

Sunday Evening7:30

Monday Morning8:45

Yizkor Service Monday Morning

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 7:10

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 7:10

Mincha8:10

Daily Services6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha8:00

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BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

The next meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post, J.W.V., will be held this Wednesday Evening, May 28, 1947, at 8:30 P.M., at the Synagogue.

The evening will feature an address by a guest speaker on the "Underground Movement in Palestine." Refreshments will be served.

JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOAT RIDE

On June 1, 1947 the Jewish Community School will hold its annual Boat Ride and Picnic. The destination is Indian Point.

The program for the day is all-inclusive. There will be a ball game between the parents and the children, track events and many other games, with prizes for the winners. Lunch will be sold at the field.

All those interested should call the school, MONument 2-9504, for tickets.

CUB SCOUTS

There will be a meeting of our Cub Pack, this Wednesday evening, at 7:30 P.M., in our Social Hall.

The Scouts, their parents, and their friends are invited to attend. A good time will be had by all.

GETTING PERSONAL

Roslyn Fuchs, one of the leading members of the Young People's Council, delivered a lecture at the Medical Center. Her audience consisted of the staff doctors and nurses. The older generation can learn from the young. . . . Congratulations to Herbert Reichlin, who won a \$200, diamond ring as a prize for an essay on a Radio Contest, which he gave to his best gal, his mother. More power to you Herbert. . . . We were very happy to see Joan (Friedman) Lavin in Synagogue, last Saturday. She breezed in from Chicago looking as charming as ever. . . . A pleasant journey to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament and Mrs. Annie Eisenberg who left for Mt. Clemens. . . . We were happy to see Adolph Meirowitz bring his granddaughter Susan Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kurtz to Synagogue last Shabbas. . . . "Pop" Harry Gordon has returned from the hospital and is home convalescing. We hope we will see him back in Synagogue, with his jovial smile, shortly. . . . This week our Wedding Anniversary Greetings go to our dear President and Mrs. Lester Udell, Director and Mrs. Joseph Settel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Verschleiser, and Mr. and Mrs. David Don. . . . Our Birthday Greetings go to Buddy Udell, Betty Buchsbaum, Mrs. Samuel Silver, Murray B. Yavneh, Mrs. Harold Miller, Barbara Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum, Aaron Neustadter, Jerome Goldstein, Joshua Levine, Ann Paula Hirsch, and Kenneth Joseph Bernstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bernstein, and grandson of Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston. . . . Mrs. David Elfenbein did a fine job as Chairman on Hospitality for the Shevuos gathering of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations at our Synagogue on Tuesday. . . . Leon Rathaus, a member of our College Department of our school is going to Palestine for his summer vacation. We wish him G-dspeed. . . . Rabbi Goldstein was invited to a U.N.E.S.C.O. conference in Denver, by the State Department, last week, but turned down the invitation to be at the Synagogue on Youth Sabbath.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolence to Bernard Solarz upon the loss of his Sister.

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