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I Adar 17, 5708

RABBI REICHEL

will preach tomorrow on
"Man's Greatest Challenge"

THE JEWISH CALENDAR

The Jewish month of Adar I began on Wednesday, February 11, which is the second day of Rosh Chodesh Adar I. While Tuesday, February 10 was the first day of Rosh Chodesh Adar, it is in reality the 30th day of the month of Shevat, the month which precedes Adar.

Obviously having two months with the same name in the calendar and designating them by numbers is a unique matter. Moreover, the fact that having a leap year we add a whole month instead of a day, too, is a surprising matter. It might, therefore, be well to discuss briefly the Jewish calendar in which such odd arrangements occur.

The Jewish calendar is both a lunar and a solar calendar. It is a lunar calendar in the sense that the months are decided by the cycle of the moon which is approximately 29 and a half days. It is a solar calendar inasmuch as Passover must always come out in the spring of the year, and Succos observes the harvest festival.

In ancient Israel the authority to designate the first day of the month which would determine the time that holidays occurred was given over to the Sanhedrin. We are given a picture of the elaborate ceremonies with which the Sanhedrin accepted witnesses who testified as to the appearance of the new moon. Indeed, symbolically, the authority to determine the new moon was the greatest expression of authority on the part of the Sanhedrin and helped cement the unity between Jerusalem and all the Jewish communities outside Palestine. The Sanhedrin dispatched messages throughout the country and kindled fires on mountain tops in order to convey this important message.

However, since the lunar month is but 29½ days, twelve months would add up to but 354 days. The loss of 11 days a year would in a short while push Passover back into

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PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MARCH 3

We invite all mothers and fathers to attend a very important Parents' Meeting at our Synagogue, Wednesday evening, March 3, at 8:15. This affair is sponsored by the Committee on Orthodox Education of the West Side of which Mr. Jacob Kaplan is chairman.

A very interesting program has been prepared. Doctor Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, Editor of the "Jewish Spectator" will talk on the "Challenge to Jewish Parents". She will also introduce the first Jewish Book of the Month for our P.T.A.

Prizes will be awarded to our pupils whose essays have been selected on the topics, "What the Holy Land Means to Me" and "How Can We Help Build the Religious State".

Certificates will also be awarded to our Honor Students, whose names appeared in last week's column. Refreshments will be served by our Women's League.

Be sure to come. . . . We want all the Parents with us.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Men's Club of our Congregation will be held on Monday evening, March 1, at 8:30. Do not forget to bring a friend for an interesting evening. Refreshments will be served.

NOTES FOR OUR YOUTH

On Friday night, at 8:15, Rabbi Reichel will conduct the **Young People's Forum** for young men and women of upper High School and College age, in the Men's Club Room. Members of all our youth groups are invited to join us in Discussions, Singing with Cantor Yavneh, and Refreshments.

Saturday at 8:00 P.M.

The **Junior Boys Club**. Boys (12 to 14) are invited to join its activities of games and TELEVISION.

Sunday at 2:00 P.M.

Youth Group. Young people of the ages of 16 to 19. Social and cultural activities.

at 8:00

Young People's League. Young men and women of 21 years and over, meet for social and cultural activities.

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CANTOR YAVNEH'S ANNUAL CONCERT SUNDAY NIGHT



The annual concert of our popular Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will take place in our synagogue this Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock.

He will be assisted by the well known maestro, Samuel Sterner, and his Concert Choir.

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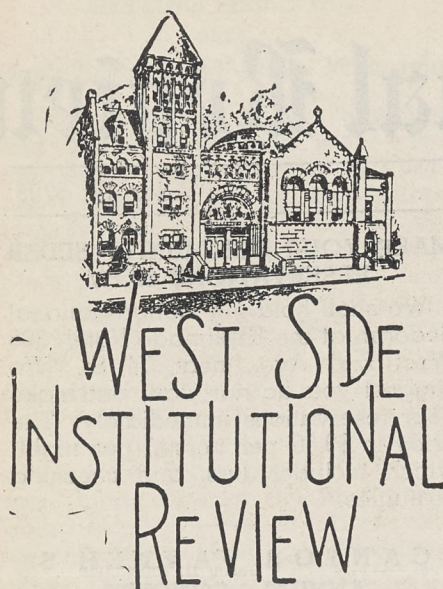
Those who have attended Cantor Yavneh's previous concerts, look forward to this Sunday's with a good deal of pleasure.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD MEETING MONDAY

The Executive Board of our Women's League will be the guests of Mrs. Harry Ward, 203 West 81 St., on Monday afternoon, March 1st.

Coffee will be served at 12:30 o'clock and the meeting will take place immediately thereafter.

All members of the Executive Board are urged to be present as important matters will be presented for their consideration.



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EISENHOWER—THE PREACHER

From this editorial column, we have frequently contended that the practical leaders of men, have brought on war. The really practical men are the idealists. They promote peace. We are happy to note that General Eisenhower, in laying down the mantle of military leadership makes the following plea:

"Were as much study and research devoted to the causes and prevention of diseases, we should in time attain the same control over its eruption and spread, as we have over the physical plagues. And were the study of war, its causes and prevention, given the place in our educational curricula that its importance to the individual citizen merits, we would have better hope of finding a practical basis of enduring peace."

Eisenhower's thought has been expressed heretofore by rabbis, the so-called visionaries. These visionaries deal with men and women, and they know what can bring real peace. Thank G-d, Eisenhower has become a preacher for peace. Let us pray his words will be heeded. May Columbia prove a fertile field, for the implementation of his lofty idea.



317th COMMANDMENT

To Rest from Work on the Day of Atonement

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are to rest from all manner of work on the Day of Atonement as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 23 verse 32, "It shall be unto you a Sabbath of solemn rest." Previously we have discussed the same commandment in the negative form. Here we have it stated positively. The purpose of this commandment is to indicate that we are to concentrate our thoughts solely on seeking pardon and forgiveness from G-d. He has so constituted the world that man may always appear before Him and petition for forgiveness. The Neilah is one of the most masterly products of Israel's religious genius. It begins: "Thou givest a hand to transgressors, and Thy

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the winter and then the fall season. We are told that Passover must be the 'Chag Haaviv,' the spring time festival. Therefore, arrangements had to be made to adjust the lunar calendar to the solar system. This was done by adding one month to the year seven times in a cycle of 19 years. In this way the two systems were integrated. Inasmuch as the Bible in the Book of Esther refers to the month of Adar as the 12th month it was necessary to add a month after the 12th month. This month was called Adar Shani, the second Adar.

Insofar as religious observances are concerned, the second Adar is considered the real Adar. We observe Purim during the second Adar and any one who has a yahrzeit during Adar in a normal year observes it on the second Adar (though some pious people observe it in both Adars). As a result of this leap year month it can happen that a younger boy becomes Bar Mitzvah before someone who is several weeks older than he. For example, if on a Jewish leap year a boy is born during the last week of Adar I, any boy born the first three weeks of Adar II which would make him several

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right hand is stretched out to receive the penitent. Thou hast taught us, O L—d our G-d to make confession unto Thee of all our sins, in order that we may cease from the violence of our hands and return unto Thee who delightest in repentance." These words contain what has been called, "the Jewish doctrine of salvation."

The laws of this commandment are that any work that is forbidden on the Sabbath is also forbidden on the Day of Atonement. The difference is that for any work done spitefully or premeditatedly on the Sabbath, the punishment is that the transgressor is to be stoned; whilst for the same transgression on the Day of Atonement he is to receive the punishment of excision. This law prevails at all times, all places, and refers to male and females as well.

318th COMMANDMENT

Not to Work on First Succos Holiday

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 23 verses 34 and 35, "On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Feast of Tabernacles. . . . On the first day there shall be a holy convocation." This law prevails at all times, at all places, and refers to male and female. One who transgresses this commandment breaks a positive one, in addition to the negative one, which follows.

weeks younger will become Bar Mitzvah first if the 13th year should be a normal one, that is, not a leap year. The Jewish people have never found this oddity to result in difficulties.

As a result of these differences in the Jewish calendar, it is customary for every Jewish home and for that matter every individual to have a luach, a Jewish calendar. This luach is a treasure of information. It not only gives the date but gives the Bible portion of each week and specifies every Jewish holiday. In some calendars, sunset for Friday evening is given so as to give the time for lighting the candles and introducing the Sabbath. In some calendars, used primarily in the Synagogue, the order of the Synagogue service and some of the laws concerning the holidays, are found. The Jewish date is used in all Jewish documents such as marriage certificates, divorces, etc. It is used in writing Yiddish and Hebrew letters. It is inscribed on monuments for the departed and determines the yahrzeit. It plays an important part in the religious life of the Jewish people.

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Light Candles Friday Evening 5:24

Weekly Portion: Ki Tisa

Friday Evening Service 5:30

Friday Evening

Young People's Study Circle 8:15

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Chazan: Martin Sage

Gabbaim: Abraham Shalita and

Victor Ringel

Oneg Shabbos

(Boys and Girls 8-12) 3:30

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:25

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:25

Mincha Service 5:25

Reader of Torah: Herbert Perlman

Reader of Service: Samuel Ward

Speaker: Harvey Shapiro

The Sabbath Terminates 6:14

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And to our member, Henry Sobel, upon the loss of his brother.

DAVID SOBEL**INFORMATION WANTED**

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GETTING PERSONAL

with

Hank Epstein and Eddie Weinstein

The following is an explanation of the sudden thaw item we had last week concerning the cheer of the Scotch drinker, making it dear for the Palestinian. . . . That's the way we would like to start this column, but unfortunately the space is much too small. However, if you would like a detailed explanation merely contact either Hank or Ed. . . . The vacation traffic this week is heavier so far than it has ever been, both coming and going. . . . Coming home are: Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, the Gross family, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston, all returning from Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blankfort from California, Mrs. Fella Dym from Atlantic City, and Mr. Chaim Shapiro from Palestine. Going on Vacation are: Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Markowitz and Mr. Jack Moses Berlin, all of whom seem to have the same idea, their destination being the Sunny South. . . . Sudden thaw: Thirty days has September, April, June and . . . Jules Cohen for passing a red light. . . . However, it's nice to see him do it in that new car of his. . . . Our speedy recovery wishes go out this week to Irving Harkavy, Mrs. M. Ringel, Irving Streit, and Max E. Sanders. . . . Lawrence Rosen back to Schul after a long illness. . . . The Bellsey family, in the news again. This time, Rita Bellsey, who is celebrating her birthday, is announcing her engagement to Dr. Eugene Streim. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Bellsey. . . . Wedding bells are ringing this week for Irwin Sarlat and Helen Miller, married at our Synagogue. . . . Thanks to Mr. Benjamin Tilem of Lucerne Hardware for his donation. . . . This week's host at the Sunday morning breakfast is an old friend, Aaron Neustadter. By the way, we need more volunteers to be hosts. . . . contact Rabbi Reichel. . . . Add to your engagements: Stanley Schwartz and Shirley Turkel. . . . Birthday greetings to Mrs. Gusti Brandt, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Max Stokar, and Natalie Udell. . . . and Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Ike Holoschutz, Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Leff and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward. . . . This week we leave you with the thought. . . . Don't claim you have an open mind—it may only be vacant. . . .

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