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FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE JEWISH SOUL

A recent article in the Jewish Morning Journal told the stirring story of Ira, age 7, in the first grade of the Yeshiva (Jewish Day School of Central Queens, Jamaica, N.Y.). The mother, Mrs. Ruth —, had brought the boy to a New York hospital to have the child's tonsils removed. The child was naturally frightened and nervous and it seemed that his mother's words of love and comfort failed to reassure the boy. Soon the doctor appeared and was about to take a sample of the young patient's blood for a test, when the child suddenly placed his little hand upon his head, closed his eyes and began to utter a prayer in Hebrew. After saying the first four or five words of the B'rocho, the child stopped. He opened his eyes, looked at the doctor, and in a tone of self-possessed assurance, he said, "O.K., doctor."

This little scene brought tears to the eyes of all present, the only dry eyes were those of the little patient.

The amazing part of the story is the fact that the parents of little Ira are secular Jews, whose home at Kew Garden Hills, Long Island, has no religious atmosphere.

In a letter to Mr. Daniel Reisman, president of the Yeshiva, the mother wrote: "I have just had an experience, with my son, Ira, which has agitated our entire family and roused my personal emotions. I send Ira to your Yeshiva because I feel that he will receive a fine character

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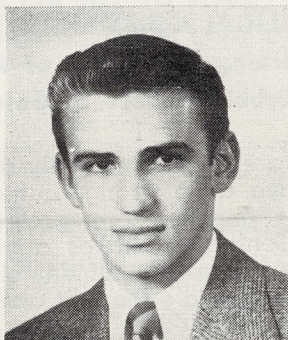
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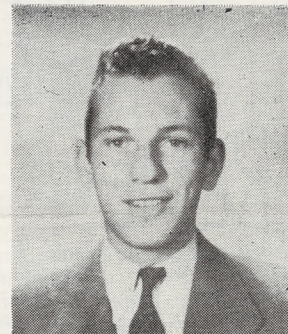
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPENING BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Harry Ward, president of our Women's League, cordially invites all the members of the Board to attend a

DESSERT LUNCHEON

which is to be held at the home of Mrs. David Kamerman
135 Central Park West

Monday, September 19th, at 12:30.

Important and interesting plans for the ensuing year will be presented for discussion.

W.S.I.S. MEN'S CLUB INVITES YOU . . .

Mr. Max Lazarus, president of the W.S.I.S. Men's Club, announces that an ambitious program is being planned for the coming year. "The aim of the Men's Club," he states, "is to be the liaison between the religious and social activities of the W.S.I.S."

All those who are interested in joining the Men's Club are urged to do so immediately. For further information, please contact Mr. Lazarus or Mr. Morris Jablow.

USHERS! USHERS! WANTED! VOLUNTEER USHERS

for the High Holy Days. If you are interested, meet our Head Usher, Max Lazarus, at the Synagogue, on Sunday morning, September 18th, at 10:30 A.M. sharp.

Social Gathering Set for This Sunday Night

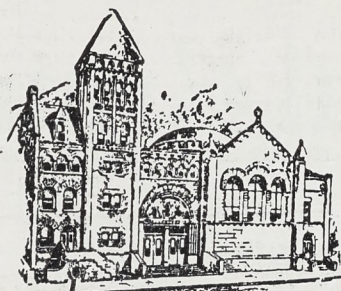
At a special committee meeting held last week at the call of Rabbi Reichel, representatives of the senior W.S.I.S. youth groups took vital definitive steps in planning a Youth Service for the High Holidays.

Rabbi Joseph Preil, Cultural and Youth Director, will lead in conducting the services and will preach the sermons. Ralph Kestenbaum, who has had extensive holiday cantorial experience and who was a member of the Yardeni Chorus, will serve as cantor.

Jacob Golden is chairman of the Arrangements Committee. Other committee members are: Cecile Censor, Marshall Gertner, Hadassah Inselbuch, Ned Kirsh, and Herbert Perlman.

It was also decided to have a social get-together this Sunday night, September 18, at 8 P.M. Selections from the most important parts of the services, as recorded by the greatest cantors and opera stars of our time, will be included in the program. Brief remarks regarding the history and significance of the various selections will precede the records to be played. The members of the Social Committee are: Nathan Flaks, Irwin Gardner, Ruth Kranz, and Elsie Oelberger.

There is no admittance fee for the social evening. Tickets for the High Holiday Youth Services can be obtained through Rabbi Preil's office.



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SELICHOS SERVICES BEGIN TOMORROW NIGHT

Throughout the month of Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah, the solemnity of the approaching holiday fills the air. During the week preceding New Year, the Jew expresses his sentiments through the beautiful Selichos Services.

For the sake of uniformity, the first Selichos are always recited early Sunday morning. Just as during the days of our Holy Temple, sacrifices were thoroughly examined during the four days preceding the offering of the sacrifice at the altar, so must we analyze our actions and repeat the Selichos at least four days before the advent of Rosh Hashanah.

The first Selichos Services will take place tomorrow night, Saturday, September 17, at 11 A.M. Everyone is urged to attend and to profit from this spiritually enriching experience. Once you attend, you will never want to miss this most awe-inspiring Service.

PLEASE NOTE

A modern Ritualarium is located in our community, at 138 W. 97th St. MO 3-0300.



364th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS Concerning Confession of the Sin By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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We are bidden not only to think we have done wrong, but also to confess, and to utter regret, for our sins. Confession makes a stronger imprint upon our minds, and actions, than mere thought alone. We are commanded to confess before G-d (and not before man) any kind of sins we have committed. This is called וידוי "Vidui," "Confession" as we read in Numbers, Chapter 5, verses 6 and 7, "Speak unto the children of Israel; when a man or a woman shall commit any of the wrongs current amongst men, (verse 6)." Bachya, the beloved Jewish moralist, takes these words to mean, "Any wrong which a man commits against his fellow is at the same time treason against G-d." Verse 7, "Then they shall confess

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their sin which they have done . . . " The general expression used when man repents for his sin is, "Save, O L-rd, I have sinned, I have been obstinate, I have rebelled against Thee." Then, he should specify the particular sin or sins he confesses, and ask the L-rd for forgiveness or atonement. He should do this in whatever language he is fluent. This confession is typical for all transgressions, namely, it must be accompanied by articulate expression of regret; and by the restitution of the stolen object, as the one from whom it was taken, as we read further in our verse, Numbers, Chapter 5, Verse 7, "And he shall make restitution for his guilt, and give it unto him in respect of whom he has been guilty." Even when a person had to bring a קרבן an offering," it had to be accompanied by confession for the sin involved, and the promise for amendment, in the future. In other words, no matter how large or small the sin, whether in violation of a positive or negative commandment, one is commanded to utter a confession of his transgression or guilt. This holds true not only for Biblical and Temple times, but even for post-Biblical times. This is evidenced by Daniel, who was outside of the Temple and of Palestine. His confession was, "Unto Thee, O L-rd, is righteousness, but as for us, we are to be ashamed of ourselves as of this day."

THE JEWISH SOUL

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training, but we ourselves do not observe the traditions of our religion. In fact, about two months ago I had already decided not to send Ira to the Yeshiva next year because I felt that what he learned at the Yeshiva did not harmonize with the atmosphere of his home." Here the mother tells about the scene at the hospital described above and continues: "I now feel that the Yeshiva, whatever else it gave to Ira, gave him faith in G-d, that is something which most of us search for all our lives. I shall certainly continue to send him to the Yeshiva and, as a matter of fact, I have already registered my second son with you and trust that he will receive the same spiritual benefits.

"I want to thank you personally. I know that without your devoted efforts we would not have had the Yeshiva. Thank you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth _____"

MAGICIAN SHOW FOR THE CHILDREN

The amusing and mystical manipulations of a present-day Houdini will be on view at the Talmud Torah Enrollment Rally this Sunday morning, September 18th, at our Building, The Magician Show will begin promptly at 11 A.M. All youngsters are invited to attend. Free tickets are available in the Talmud Torah office.

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Stephen Ziegler

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Junior Congregation 10:30

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Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 5:50

Mincha Service 6:50

The Sabbath Terminates 7:48

Selichos 1:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Service 7:15, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 7:30, 8:30

Selichos 6:25, 8:05

Z'chor Bris, Friday Morning 5:30, 7:15

Mincha 6:50

Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

For the convenience of the parents and for the enlightenment of the children, there will be a Junior Congregation Service for the Talmud Torah age children during the High Holidays, under the leadership of Jack Verschleiser.

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Getting Personal

The entire Congregation was happy to greet our beloved Rabbi and Rebbetzin at Services, upon their return from Israel, and to hear a most inspiring report from the Rabbi about his trip. . . . **Congratulations** to our Director and Mrs. Moe Oltarsh upon the engagement of their son, Stuart H. Oltarsh, to Elyse Barkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barkin. . . . **Mazel Tov** to our own Dan Schacter, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Schacter, upon his marriage to Nathalie Lookstein, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein. We were happy to have the Rabbi, spiritual head of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, and Mrs. Lookstein with us at the "Aufruf" last Shabbos morning. . . . Our **felicitations** to Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein upon the marriage of their son, Dr. Jerome J., to Rhoda M. Sokol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sokol. . . . Best wishes for a **speedy recovery** to Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein. . . . Good luck to Leonard Ehrman, who has just entered M.I.T. . . . Thanks to Alexander Kirsh for his donation of glassware. . . . **Happy Birthday** to Samuel K. Beier, Judith Bendheim, Mrs. Felicia Dym, Mrs. Isidore Ehrman, Gabriel Goldstein, Mrs. Bertha Leister, Marcia Tumpowsky. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro. . . . We cordially welcome into the W.S.I.S. family our **new members**: Samuel Berg, Benjamin C. Cohen, Herman Cohen, Jack Cohen, Harry Conhaim, Morris Flaks, Herman Goodman, Julius Golding, Mrs. Jenny Greenfield, Edward Griffel, Martin Grossinger, Sam W. Herzlinger, Mrs. Ida Joffe, Dr. M. Kaftal, Herman Loeb, Daniel Moscow, Hugo Perutz, Irvin Salzberg, Nathan Shaw, and Dr. E. David Sherman. . . . Our best wishes to Michelle Siegel, daughter of 2nd Vice-president and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, who has just entered high-school. . . . Our readers have until this afternoon (Friday) to insert their New Year Greetings in the next issue of the **Review**, if they have not yet done so. . . . A party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gross in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Gross. . . . Rabbi Goldstein, to give a radio talk on Tuesday afternoon on "Israel and Ozar Hatorah."

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