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THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL NEEDS \$272,455,800 THIS YEAR

In order to reach this amount all of us must give according to our financial capacity. Have you given as yet this year? Please do not delay.

The United Jewish Appeal desperately needs cash in order to function. When it has no cash, it means that food supplies, medical facilities, work, and homes are denied to tens of thousands of Jews. When it has no cash, Jews who have exit visas in their hands and a chance, at least, to leave lands of despair, must stay where they are.

When the U.J.A. has no cash, the sympathy and the help which you want so urgently to convey to your fellow Jews becomes sterilized.

Hundreds of thousands of homeless people still require help to immigrate. There are still 45,000 Jewish D.P.s in Germany, Austria and Italy depending upon the U.J.A. aid to reach Israel and other lands. In Poland today a "now or never" opportunity exists for considerable numbers to depart for Israel before August 31, 1950. From Moslem Arab lands, tens of thousands must be brought out of their degradation to the new state.

Your contribution will help to save lives. Time is of the essence. Please take your pen in hand and join the ranks of the life savers.

JACOB KAPLAN, Chairman.

SESSIONS IN MAIMONIDES OF INTEREST TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Rabbi Reichel will lead in a popular study of Selections from Maimonides this Saturday afternoon, May 20th, from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M., at his home, 135 West 84 St.

Maimonides was one of Israel's greatest Jewish philosophers and authorities on the Talmud. Please come on time.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION TO MEET ON SHEVUOTH

The Junior Congregation will meet Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10:30. Included in the holiday program will be special songs and stories.

In the spirit of the Festival, we urge all parents not to send their children to public school on Shevuoth, Monday and Tuesday.

SALUTE TO OUR SOUVENIR ALBUM LEADER Only a Few Short Weeks Remain



SHEVUOTH MONDAY AND TUESDAY

The word Shevuoth means "weeks." The holiday is known as the "Feast of Weeks" because it occurs exactly seven weeks after the first day of Passover.

In Temple times this was a most joyous season, and was called "Feast of the Harvest of the First Fruits" (Exodus 23:16), and "Day of the Offering of the First Fruits" (Numbers 28:26). This festival marks the end of the grain harvest in the Holy Land. At this time farmers would take the first of each of their products, and offer them in the Temple.

According to tradition, the Torah was given to the children of Israel on Mt. Sinai on Shevuoth. Because of this event, this festival is also called "The Season of the Giving of the Torah." Today we remember those happy days by decorating our homes and Synagogues with greens and flowers. We eat dairy foods and honey because the Torah is compared to milk and honey.

To show appreciation for the gift of the Torah the first night of Shevuoth is devoted to the study of the Torah. The "Tikun," a collection of passages from the Bible and Talmud, is read during the entire night. In the Synagogue the liturgy is enriched by the chanting of the Akdamoth as well as by the Book of Ruth. The Akdamoth is a rhymed hymn of glory to G-d. The word Akdamoth means introduction to the story of Revelation and the Ten Commandments, which are read immediately thereafter. The following verses are typical of its style.

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
Were every blade of grass a quill;
Were the world of parchment
made,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of G-d above
Would drain the ocean dry;

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Edward Jacobs

We are happy to announce to our readers that at the present time Edward Jacobs is the leader in obtaining ads for the Bar Mitzvah Volume of our Souvenir Album. Needless to say, however, the success of the Album cannot be guaranteed by the efforts of a few individuals. It is necessary that all of us cooperate to make this Bar Mitzvah Volume the most successful of all.

We wish to remind our readers that there are only a few short weeks remaining to bring in ads. We urge you, therefore, to contact our office and inform us about the complimentary ads you wish to insert.

The Souvenir Album will be presented to Mr. Harold Kaplan at a Reception in his honor on Tuesday evening, June 20th, in appreciation of his many years of loyal and continuous service to our Congregation.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Shevuoth, Tuesday, May 23, Yizkor Services will be recited at our Synagogue in memory of our departed ones. Please fill out the form below and have it in our office by Sunday morning.

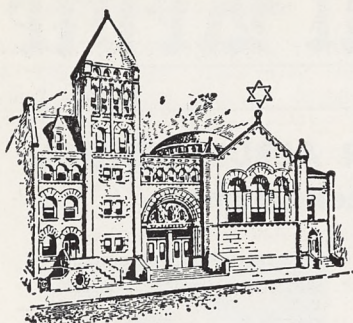
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SHEVUOTH

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Nor would the scroll contain the whole

Though stretched from sky to sky."

The Book of Ruth lends particular charm to the Synagogue service and is read on the second day of the Festival, prior to the reading of the Torah. It presents a fascinating picture of agricultural life in ancient Palestine at the time of the grain harvest, and also gives a vivid portrayal of Ruth, the Moabitess, who willingly shares the fate of Israel by accepting Israel's Torah as her way of life.

Shevuoth, the Festival of the Torah, is the birthday of Israel's affiliation with the Torah, that priceless possession which, for the Jew, has been a pillar of strength and for world civilization a lasting contribution.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Ger-tie Simon upon the loss of her mother.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Richard Ullman upon the loss of her brother, MOE LEVY.



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393rd OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS "Not to Redeem the First Born of the Clean Cattle."

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We might think that, since the Torah commanded us to redeem the first born of the unclean beasts, as it is written in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 18, verse 15, "the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem," as for instance the donkey, therefore, we would surely think that we are also to redeem the clean animals. Therefore, we read in verse 17, "but the firstling of the ox, or the firstling of the sheep, or the firstling of the goat shalt thou not redeem." The reason for this is that unclean animals were never brought as sacrifices. However, the first-born of the kosher animals mentioned in verse 17, (provided they were without blemish) were to be brought as an offering, and their meat was consumed by the priests. In case of a blemish, they became the private property of the priest. Then they became secular food and were

eaten by any person anywhere. They were not sold publicly, for this tended to create an irreverence for holy things.

There are ten types of kosher animals, seven of which are beasts and three of them are cattle. The law of the first-born pertained only to the latter three.

This commandment prevailed only in the land of Israel, and all were obliged to observe it, namely priests, Levites, and Israelites, for it is written "Kol Hab'chor", "all first-born," even the one belonging to a Cohen. Whilst the priests and the Levites are free from the obligation of redeeming the first-born of man and the first-born of the unclean animals, they are included in this commandment.

One who trespassed this commandment and redeemed rather than sacrificed the first-born of the clean animal, has trespassed our commandment; namely, that the first-born of an ox, or of a sheep, or of a goat, shall not be redeemed. It may be pointed out that, even though the man performed a holy act, nevertheless it was as a substitute and therefore represents disobedience. Alas, throughout the exile, many have arisen even with good intentions, to substitute for the G-d given plans for our synagogues, other plans. These plans, although representing good intentions, are an evidence of disobedience and disloyalty. We call them "Yaytser Horah" Mitzvoths.

WITH BON VOYAGE GREETINGS



The above is a picture which was taken as the Social Club bade farewell to Rabbi Goldstein a few days before his departure for Israel. Kermit Feldman, Chairman, is presenting one of the containers of vitamins for children in Israel which the group sent along with our beloved Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

The following people are included, (reading from left to right): Seated—Arlene Harris, Arnold Sabin and Pearl Feldman; Standing—Rabbi Preil, Debbie Siegel, Ned Kirsh, Kermit Feldman, Rabbi Goldstein and Lenore Druckman. Armand Litman, a member of the group, was the expert amateur photographer.

BAR MITZVAH



Daniel David Lourie

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Lourie upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel David, which will take place in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Count 48 Days in Omer tonight

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 7:49

Weekly Portion: Bamidbar

The Sixth Perek is Read.

(Those who follow our Synagogue Calendar and usher in the Sabbath at our Services should light their candles before our Evening Services).

Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Girls) 3:45
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 6:50
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 6:50
Mincha Service 7:50

Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz

Reader of Service: Herbert Perlman

The Sabbath Terminates 8:45

Sunday Morning Services 6:45, 8:30, 9:00

SHEVUOS SCHEDULE

Light Candles Sunday Evening 7:51
Mincha Service, Sunday 8:05
Tikun Shevuos (ALL NIGHT VIGIL)
beginning 11:00
Monday Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:30
Monday Mincha 7:30
Tuesday Morning (YIZKOR) 8:45
Junior Congregation 10:30
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 7:05
Tuesday Mincha 8:05
Holiday Terminates 8:47
Daily Morning Services 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Daily Mincha 8:00

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

This Week's Daily Bible Readings:

Sat. May 20..... Samuel I Chapter 5 ☐
Sun. May 21..... " " 6 ☐
Mon. May 22..... " " 7 ☐
Tues. May 23..... " " 8 ☐
Wed. May 24..... " " 9 ☐
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Getting Personal

With June just around the corner, there will undoubtedly be many graduations, weddings, and other simchas. Let us share your simchas with you by letting the Synagogue know before June 1st, so that we may publish them in this column.

... Youth Sabbath was really impressive. We can certainly be proud of the young men who did so fine a job in conducting the Services and to the young women who served as hostesses at the Kiddush which followed. ... Do the young people in your family plan to attend the **High Holiday Youth Service**? If so, let the Youth Service Committee hear from them now. ... We missed Mrs. Harry Mirken at Services and wish her a speedy recovery. ... It was good to see Mrs. Jennie Greenfield in our midst after her recent illness. ...

Thanks to Mr. Isaac Allen for presenting some beautiful etchings to the Talmud Torah. ... We are happy to note that another young man in our Congregation has attained scholastic recognition. Our **best wishes** to Jack Verschleiser who was accepted at Harvard Law School. ... We wish Mrs. Bella Heyman a **speedy recovery**. ...

Welcome home from all parts West: Director Henry Blankfort, Herbert Tumpowsky, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Udell. ...

Happy Birthday to Kenneth Joseph Livingston Bernstein, Joel Ira Blumenthal, Miles Breger, Edward Diamond, Samuel Diamond, Mrs. John D. Garrett, Herman E. Gold, Jerome Goldstein, Ann Paula Hirsch, Barbara Miller, Joshua Levine, Aaron Neustadter, Joseph Neustadter, Felice Reisman, Mrs. Morris Segerman, Benjamin Spanbock, and Nat Trotzky. ...

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ballin upon the birth of a son, and to the grand-aunts, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg and Mrs. Meyer Pargament. **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silver upon the birth of a grandson. ... **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ullman upon the birth of a grandson. ...

... **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Saul J. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. David Don, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Edelson, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Verschleiser.

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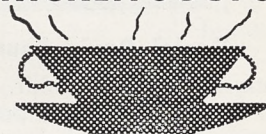
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