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Yom Kippur Notes

With the solmen and melodious chanting of Kol Nidre Jews throughout the world will usher in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Yom Kippur, is also known as Yom Hadin, the Day of Judgment. On this day we offer a fervent prayer that the Almighty fulfill our wishes for a Happy New Year.

Kol Nidre is by far the most impressive prayer of the Yom Kippur service. The words of Kol Nidre comprise the standard text used for annulment of vows and oaths which are made during the year and are not fulfilled. It must be remembered that the vows and oaths which can be annulled by the Kol Nidre are only those which an individual voluntarily assumes for himself alone, and in which no other person's interests are involved. The formula is restricted only to those vows concerning the relationship of man to his G-d.

The fasting on Yom Kippur starts from before sundown and lasts till after stars have appeared on the following day. We refrain from wearing leather shoes on this day, also as a sign of affliction and humility.

Notwithstanding the solemnity of the Day of Judgment, the Jew has

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Youth Activities

YOUTH DEPARTMENT NOTES

Our new and expanded Youth Program will be in full swing immediately after the Holidays. We therefore urge those who have not as yet made their application for membership to do so **at once**. A bulletin describing the Specialty Clubs may also be had upon request.

Membership in the Youth Dep't. entitles one to periodic group trips and outings, in addition to participation in Specialty Clubs such as Arts and Crafts, Photography, Dramatics, Stamps and Choral groups.

Please feel free to call upon our Youth Director for further information.

HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH SERVICES

Tickets for the Yom Kippur Youth Services are available for those who have been away for Rosh Hashono and would like to spend Yom Kippur with our young people at services.

We are confident that the Yom Kippur service will be as inspiring as were the Rosh Hashono services. Also leading in the services are Herschel Gold and Harvey Shapiro.

GAME ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat. Sun. and Mon.

8 to 10 P.M.

SENIOR LEAGUE OPEN MEETING SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 7

Young women and men over 21, of our Congregational Family are cordially invited to attend the first meeting of the season of the Senior League, which will be held on Sunday night, October 7, at 8:30 o'clock in the Council Room.

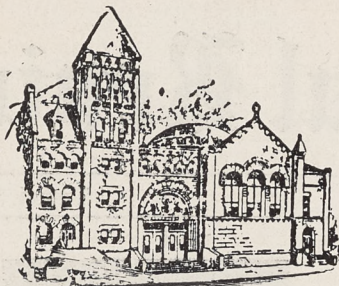
Dr. Laurence Rosan, formerly instructor at Pennsylvania State College, will speak on "Philosophy and Religion Today". A social will follow.

The Senior League will sponsor cultural, social, and communal programs at regular intervals. For further information about the group, please write to the Senior League c/o W.S.I.S.

MIDTOWN JEWISH COLLEGIATE COUNCIL MEETING SATURDAY

The Collegiates of Congregation Ohab Zedek 124 W. 95 St., will be the hosts to college-age young men and women, this Saturday afternoon, Oct. 6 at 3:00 o'clock. The guest speaker will be Dr. Abraham G. Duker, of the New York University faculty.

The Council consists of the Collegiates of Congregations Ohab Zedek, Jewish Center, and our own W.S.I.S.



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YOM KIPPUR NOTES

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faith in his Heavenly Father and finds himself in a cheerful and confident spirit. Thus, we dress in holiday attire, while the elders of the congregation dress in white robes, dispelling any possible air of sadness or dejection.

The Yom Kippur day can only atone for those sins that concern man's relationship to G-d. Those sins, however, which man commits against his fellow-man, can be pardoned only after the pardon of his fellow-man has been obtained.

Yizkor memorial services, are said during the day. The name of the beloved departed is mentioned in the prayer, which petitions for the peace of the soul. This serves as an opportune moment for meditating on improving our ways by following in the paths of our beloved ones.

The closing service of the day is "Neilah". This affords the last opportunity to beseech the Almighty for forgiveness before our fate is sealed. The day is then concluded with the sounding of the Shofar. Everyone greets his neighbor joyously with the prayerful wish—that the New Year bring happiness and glad tidings to all.



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436th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Concerning Utter Destruction"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded in Deuteronomy, Chapter 12, verse 2, "Ye shall surely destroy all the places wherein the nations that ye are to dispose served their gods upon the mountains, and upon the hills, and under every leafy tree," and verse 3 "Ye shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods." It was the immorality and inhumanity of idolatrous religion that rendered it abominable in the eyes of G-d and imposed upon the Israelites the duty of exterminating it.

This law prevails at all places and at all times and refers to male and female. Of course, whilst we are in the exile this cannot be done in strange lands. However, in Israel, when it is possible, we are to remove any trace of heathenism.

437th COMMANDMENT

"Not to Erase The Holy Names"

We read in Deuteronomy Chapter 12, verse 4, "and yet shall not do so (to efface His name) unto the L-rd thy G-d." To efface a Holy name

TEN DAYS OF PENITENCE

The ten days between Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur are known as the Ten Days of Penitence. These days are set aside for the express purpose of "Repentance". If the individual regrets his past wrongs and solemnly resolves to improve his ways in the future, then it is considered that he has fulfilled the Mitzvoh or obligation of T'shuvo, —Repentance.

The Sabbath between Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur is known as "Shabbos Shuva", because the Haftarah (reading from the prophets) starts with the word "Shuva" —Return (Repent) O Israel to the L-rd your G-d.

The days before Yom Kippur are spent in a spirit of preparation for the Day of Judgment.

or an Altar or any object of a sacred character, is an offense and should be avoided. We are not to obliterate the Divine Name in a scroll or in a book. Therefore, it has become our custom to bury sacred books or the fragments of the Scriptures in a cemetery. The grave in which these sacred writings are buried is regarded as the holiest spot in the cemetery. Some people pay for the privilege of buying a plot near these books. In other words, we are to deal most reverently and respectfully in regard to the name of G-d.

There are 70 different synonyms for G-d's name. It is interesting to note also that Israel and Jerusalem have 70 synonyms. However, the prohibition is only against the following names of G-d; the "tetragrammaton", the explicit name, and "eloka", "kayl", "adnoy", "elokim", "shdai", "tzvot". It is interesting to note that the week also has 7 days and that the species of produce of the Holy Land, mentioned in the Bible, are 7.

This prohibition prevails at all times and at all places. It refers to male and female. One who trespasses this law and one who erased even one letter of the 7 sacred names of G-d (mentioned above) was to receive stripes. And so also one who destroyed even one stone of the Altar or of the Temple proper or of the Court, was to receive stripes.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION ON YOM KIPPUR

At the W.S.I.S. every member of your family is provided for spiritually. The youngsters are invited to attend the Junior Congregation Services which take place on Yom Kippur eve, Oct. 9, at 6:00 o'clock and on Yom Kippur, Oct. 10, at 10:00 o'clock.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To Our Relatives and Friends of The W.S.I.S.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geza G. Fischer
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Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Perlman
322 Columbus Ave.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES**Dates to Remember****Wednesday Oct. 17 — 12:30**

Succos Dessert Luncheon

All women of the congregation are invited. No charge.

Monday, Nov. 19 — 12:30

Membership Luncheon at the Esplanade.

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Monday, Dec. 10 — 12 o'clock.

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Adult Courses

in Hebrew and Jewish Culture to be offered by our Laymen's Institute

The week following the Jewish Holidays, October 29, will mark the opening of our Laymen's Institute.

Our members and readers will have a wonderful opportunity to study the Hebrew Language as it is spoken in the land of Israel.

Adult classes will be available for Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced Hebrew Conversation.

Professor Sidney B. Hoenig will again lecture on Tuesday nights. His theme will be "Jewish History and Foundation in Judaism".

Inasmuch as the Hebrew Classes will be offered only on such levels for which there will be sufficient registration our readers are urged to mail the coupon below at once.

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Name

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening5:14

Weekly Portion: Vayelech (Deuter. 31)

Friday Evening Service5:15

Saturday Morning Services9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children,

Ages 4 to 610:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:30

Mincha Service4:30

Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter

Reader of Service: Jason Jacobowitz

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The Sabbath Terminates6:02

Sunday Morning Selichos6:20, 8:20

Sunday Morning Services..... 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Mincha (Sunday)5:20

Monday Morning Selichos

6:20 and about 8:15

Mon. Morn. Ser., 6:45, 7:30 and about 8:35

Tues. Morn. Selichos, 6:35 and about 8:15

Tues. Morn. Ser., 6:45, 7:45 and about 8:25

Tuesday Mincha, successive Minyanim
from 1:45 to 3:15

Light Candles no later than5:00

Kol Nidre5:10

Yom Kippur Morning Services7:45

Junior Congregation10:00

Yom Kippur Terminates5:48

Thursday and Friday Morning Services

6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Thursday Mincha 5:15

CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

A gentleman asked me this question recently. "What benefits do I get by becoming a member of W.S.I.S. at \$10.00 a year?"

My answer to the gentleman was as follows: "As a member of this Institution, you are one of the owners of a beautiful edifice devoted to the worship of the Lord each and every day of the year. You support the work of fostering great loyalty to Traditional Judaism, in the hearts and minds of our people. You make it possible for us to maintain a Hebrew School and a Daily Afternoon Kindergarten, conducted along modern pedagogic lines, so that the children of this vicinity may receive a good and wholesome religious education. You enable our Social Department to organize clubs, groups and classes composed of young men and women for the improvement and development of their educational, cultural and social opportunities. You enable us to offer a meeting place to Boy-Scouts and Cub Pack. You help us conduct our many adult classes in Judaism. You encourage us to render aid to many worthy causes."

If those of you, our readers, who are not members wish to join, please communicate with us.

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This weeks Bible Readings

From Zecharia 10 to Malachi 2

UNVEILING

On Sunday, October 7, at 12 noon, the unveiling of the monument of our late member, Charles Sabsewitz, beloved father of our members Irving and Meyer Sabsewitz, will take place at the Washington Cemetery.

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor Services will be held on Yom Kippur October 10th. Those who would like to mark this occasion by memorializing their dear departed ones may use the attached form and send it to our office.

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I hereby request you to offer the Memorial Prayer at the coming Yizkor Services for my

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

To all our members and friends everywhere, our innermost prayers for their wellbeing and good fortune during the coming year, 5712 . . . Our Men's Club did a truly magnificent job in arranging for our Auxiliary High Holy Day Services at the Manhattan Towers Hotel. More anon and of the work of our other members in this connection in a following issue. We were delighted to have with us on both days of Rosh Hashona, Rudolph Halley, Counsel of the Kefauver Committee, who has become a member of our congregation. We congratulate Sam Berman. One of our members who was appointed as Assistant U. S. Attorney. All good luck to Leba daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Amin, upon her matriculation at Ramaz High School following her graduation from Ramaz Academy . . . Our bestest to Maurice Kalker, son-in-law of our Director and Mrs. Moses Langer, upon his passing his certified Public Accountant Examination . . . Bon Voyage to Director Henry Blankfort who has flown to the West Coast to join his family . . . The shuttle service from W.S.I.S. to Israel continues uninterruptedly. The latest arrival from Israel are Mr. George Gersony and Howard Kaplan, son of Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, whom we welcome home with wide open arms. And, Godspeed to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Krumbein who have recently left for the Holy Land . . . Our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Ray Prochnick upon the marriage of her daughter, Sonya, to Samuel Krassner; to our former Talmud Torah teacher, Vera Parczewski, upon her marriage to Rabbi Seymour Weller, and to Dr. Arnold Jacobs, former president of our Senior League upon his marriage to Mary Westheimer; to Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Mosbacher, upon the betrothal of their son Felix, to Adrienne Goldstein; to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Frankel upon reaching another happy milestone in their wedded lives; and upon their birthdays to Mrs. Julius Bayer, Dr. David Beilock, I. J. Bernstein, Betty Sanders Buchsbaum, Mrs. Betty Cohen, Mrs. Max Dabek, Mrs. Samuel Gardner, Mrs. Essie Planco and Susan Ronnie Roth.

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Can every man and woman **participate** in our Synagogue services? The answer is yes, by all means.

Those who cannot read Hebrew may pray individually in the vernacular until he or she will be able to follow the Services. Our prayer books and Bibles have the English translations accompanying the standard Hebrew texts, and the pages are announced so that the worshippers may pray in unison with the congregation.

The standard morning prayers are all-embracing in that they contain all aspects of prayers, i.e. thanksgiving, praise and petition to the Almighty, as well as self-adjustment repentance, resolution and instruction.

Whilst the ideal is to participate in the entire service, the Law prescribes a minimum of basic prayers that every worshipper is obliged to recite daily. Thus, when one comes late, to the services in the morning, it is incumbent to "daven" these basic prayers privately until the place of the public service is

reached.

Amongst these "priority" prayers are (a) the morning thanksgiving blessings, (b) "Ashray" and its preceding and following blessings, (c) the "Shma Yisroel" and its introductory and closing blessings, (d) the "Amida" (Shemona Esray). (e) special prayers for the Sabbath and Holiday such as "Musaf" and "Hallel". A detailed pagination of these prayers to accompany our Synagogue's prayer books, will soon be available.

In this proper participation in the Synagogue prayers, the worshipper experiences (1) the spiritual growth of his or her personality through communion with G-d, and (2) the communal bond of service with the House of Israel.

The lasting spiritual enjoyment we derive from congregational services is an indication of the long range effect that communal prayers must have upon the worshippers and upon our Father in heaven.

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