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1952 SOUVENIR ALBUM CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR MORE COOPERATION IN AD CAMPAIGN

Time is Short — Only 2 weeks left

SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATION FOR SHEVUOTH

Tomorrow Friday, and Saturday, May 30th and 31st, at 10:30 o'clock, the Junior Congregation will hold special services in celebration of Shevuoth. Parents are urged not to send their children to school this Friday but to have them attend the services conducted especially for the youngsters. By giving them an opportunity to attend these services, you will help teach them to appreciate our Jewish Heritage.

DRAFT DEFERMENT EXAM

Word has been received from the State Education Department that the War Service Scholarship Examination will be given on Saturday, June 14th, but special provision will be made for those candidates whose religious tenets do not permit them to write on Saturday. Our young men who are candidates for this examination should communicate with their draft boards immediately and request the right to take the examination at a time other than on Saturday.



Herman H. Cohen

NEWLY ELECTED MEN'S CLUB OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED MONDAY

OUTGOING PRESIDENT



Frank L. Taks

NEW PRESIDENT



H. Wm. Hirsch

At the last meeting of the Men's Club on May 19th, Mr. H. William Hirsch was unanimously elected President of the Men's Club. The following have been elected to assist Mr. Hirsch in carrying out the Men's Club Program for the next year: First Vice President, Abraham Eisenman; Second Vice President, Harry Cohen; Secretary Myron Friedlander; Treasurer, Philip Nager; Financial Secretary, Isidor Lauer;

Sergeant-at-Arms, Alexander Kirsh.

The membership also commended highly the praiseworthy work of the outgoing President, Mr. Frank L. Taks, and his administration.

The installation meeting will be held this Monday June 2. All members are invited to attend.

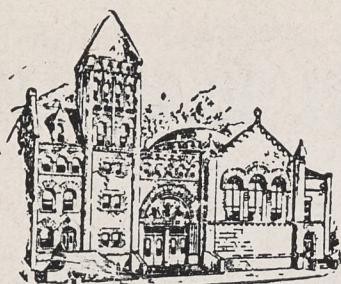
Tickets are still available for the Men's Club Baseball Party June 10. Call our office for reservations.

Mr. Herman H. Cohen, Chairman of the Reception Committee for the 1952 Souvenir Album, issues an additional call for more and more ads. Mr. Cohen who has "gone over the top" in the procurement of ads, urges every one of our readers and members not to fail our Synagogue during this ad campaign. Every one should feel it his duty to honor our Director, Ben Glazer, to whom this year's Souvenir Album will be presented. By honoring Mr. Glazer, you also give material assistance to the W.S.I.S. to carry on its numerous activities. Time is short. Please send us your greeting **today**. Those whose ads appear in the Album will be invited to Mr. Glazer's reception on Tuesday, June 17, 9:00 P.M. in our building.

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SHEVUOTH

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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.

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.



"AS
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501st OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"The King Is Not To Take Many Wives"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The king is bidden not to take many wives, concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 17, verse 17, "Neither shall he multiply wives to himself." Many wives will cause the husband to turn his heart aside because of their competition with each other and their flatteries. In order that the king retains his vigor and his alertness for the benefit of the nation, the Torah orders him that "he give not to woman his vigor." Because of his failure to heed the injunction, in these two verses, even the great King Solomon was led astray. If the king trespassed this commandment he was to receive stripes, and he was to divorce the extra wife (above the stipulated number mentioned in the Talmud).

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502nd COMMANDMENT

"Kings Should Not Have Too Much Money"

The king is commanded not to try to increase his wealth. He should have sufficient that is necessary for his household and social position.

ERUV TAVSHILIN

The Law does not permit the cooking or baking of food on one day of Yom Tov for the next day of Yom Tov or Shabbos. Inasmuch as this year the days of Shevuos fall on Friday and Shabbos the ceremony of Eruv Tavshillin must be performed on Erev Shevuos. The symbolic Erev Tavshillin meal prepared on Thursday enables the housewife to complete the cooking of this meal on Friday.

Challa and a piece of meat or fish are placed on a plate. The master of the house lifts the plate and recites the following benediction:—
 ברוך אתה ד' אלוקינו מלך העולם
 קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על מצות ערב
 Praised be Thou, O L-d our G-d,
 King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments, and

Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 17, verse 17, "Neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold." Great wealth might cause the king to be too proud. The Rabbis emphasize the words "to himself" and "greatly," because what was needed for the budget, for national defense and for the administration of the nation's business, was not forbidden.

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503rd COMMANDMENT

"The King Is To Write A Sefer Torah"

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 17, verses 18 and 19, "He shall write himself a copy of this Law, and shall read therein all the days of his life." Thus the king was to have two copies of the Torah, one for himself as an ordinary Jew, and one also as king, which shall serve as a criterion for correct text. The Rabbis in the Sifri, point out that nothing is so conducive to the fear of G-d, which is synonymous with the practice of good deeds, as is the study of the Torah, to which even the king has to conform, both in thought and in practice.

The purpose of this commandment is to indicate that since the king is a privileged character and has great power, there is danger that his desires and passions may control him. At the crowning of a British monarch, the Bible is delivered to him with the words, "We present you with this Book, the most valuable thing the world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the royal law; these are the lively (i.e. living) oracles of God"; cf. II Chron. XXIII, 11. See Hertz.

hast commanded us concerning the observance of the Eruv."

By this means it shall be allowable for us to bake, boil and to keep the victuals warm, to light up lights (from others), and to do and prepare all things necessary, on the festival for the Sabbath, for us and all the Israelites, that dwell in this city.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our members Abraham and Sylvan Dressner upon the loss of their father,

SAMUEL MICHAEL DRESSNER

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

The pupils of our school are joining the pupils of Beth Hillel and the Jewish Center on June 1st, for an all-day picnic on the grounds of the Westchester Day School in Mamaronck, New York. This project is sponsored by the Committee on Jewish Education of the West Side.

Parents are urged to enroll their children now for our Talmud Torah and Daily Kindergarten and Nursery. Children of elementary school age, in particular, are urged to register at an early age because the earlier they join us the more fun they will have.

The closing exercises of our School will be held on Monday evening, June 16, from 7 to 8 o'clock. All parents are cordially requested to reserve that one hour for their children. Certificates, awards, etc. will be distributed.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Shevuoth Schedule

Light Candles Thursday Evening	8:01
Thursday Evening Mincha Service	8:10
Tikun Shevuoth (All Night Study)	10:30
Friday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30

Holiday Kindergarten for Children	
4 to 6	10:30
Friday night Light Candles up to	8:02
Friday Mincha	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	8:30

YIZKOR

Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children	
4 to 6	10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	
	3:15; 4:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	6:30
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	6:30
Mincha Service	7:30

Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter

Reader of Service: Bernard Israel

The Sabbath Terminates 8:56

Daily Services:

Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	6:40, 8:05

This Week's Bible Readings: Job 19-25

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Monday	7:30 P.M.
Wednesday	7:30 P.M.



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Loon Lake Hotel — Young Folk's Weekend — June 26

GOLDA MYERSON ASKS THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR ENOUGH DOLLARS IN TIME

Mrs. Myerson, Israel's Minister of Labor, told the United Jewish Appeal leaders that one of Israel's most heartrending problems is, "that we don't get enough dollars in time."

She said, "because we haven't got enough money at one time it is actually costing us three times as much to absorb the newcomers. We are actually housing them three or four times. Instead of immediately putting them in a concrete house, we build them a tent and as soon as the rains come and the tents start leaking we give them another tent to put on top of the old one. And then we run out of tents and put them in huts. All this takes foreign currency. We are spending the precious valuable dollars in order to get to house these people over and over again instead of once and for all, because we don't have dollars available to give them permanent housing."

"Israel's leaders face another heartrending problem,"

she said. "The theoretical ration of paper as it is announced on the radio is one-quarter a pound of meat a week; a half piece of laundry soap a month; six diapers for every new born baby; three-quarter of a pair shoes a year. The people at home would be happy and content if that was the ration they received. But they don't get even that."

So when you read this please say to yourself, "I will not delay, I will do what I should do, I will help the Jews in Israel not by words but by a check." If all of our members and friends would give what they can afford to give there would not be a problem.

Please make your check or pledge payable to the United Jewish Appeal. Will you take care of this now and mail same c/o the Synagogue, 122 W. 76th St. Thanks.

JACOB KAPLAN, Chairman

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

We were happy to have with us at our last Shabbos morning services, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leibowitz, the newly acquired "machatanim" of our beloved President and Mrs. Udell. Also happy to see at the services, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Epstein (Harold was one of the co-editors of this column some time ago) and Rabbi Solomon Reichel, the brother of our own Rabbi O. Asher Reichel . . . A congregational welcome back home from Israel to Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter, and from points west to Mr. Herbert Tumpowsky . . . Just a gentle but firm reminder not to forget to insert your advertisement and greetings in the Souvenir Album to be presented to our Director Benjamin Glazer on June 17th as a token of his achievement of being the outstanding lay worker and leader of our congregation for the year 1952 . . . The girls just don't seem to want the boys to get too great a lead in our Baby Derby sweepstakes; **Mazel Tov** upon the birth of a daughter to our member, Mr. and Mrs. Moses I. Feuerstein and the grandparents, Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro . . . Our Women's League have arranged the beautiful floral decorations in the Synagogue in honor of the Shevuoth Festival . . . Any gesture in recognition of our orthodox penant is always a source of deep satisfaction to us, and it is therefore that we are happy to learn that the Jewish War Veterans have decided not to participate in the Memorial Day Parades this year because the first day of Shevuoth falls on that memorable day . . .

Our wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Gershweir, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kamerman, Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tessler and President and Mrs. Lester Udell . . . Many happy returns of their birthdays to Mrs. Bernard Bercu, Ruth Davis, John D. Garrett, Rachel Ann Goldsmith, Ruth R. Goldstein, Jacob Gross, Arlene Harris, Michael Samuel Kantrowitz, Renee Kaufman, Louis Landowne, Leisha Langer, Mrs. Allen Moskowitz and Robert Milton Oshrin . . .

The thought occurs to us that in addition to noting the wedding anniversaries of our members and friends we tend them a mass get-together and reception. Sounds good, doesn't it?

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