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A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull
W.S.I.S. Youth Director

Dear Friends:

For the New Year, our Social Department is launching a BIG Membership Drive for all the youth of our Community, from Hebrew School through collegiate age levels.

The facilities of our Social Clubs, Hobby Groups, Game Room, Photography, Arts and Crafts and gymnasium will be open only to **members** of the Social Department of the W.S.I.S.

Membership cards may be obtained by filling out the application coupon to be found on page 4. The coupon with 25c should be brought to the Social Department office this Sunday morning between 10 and 12 or any evening after 8 except Tuesdays, Thursdays and holidays. The coupon may also be mailed to my office together with the House membership fee of 25c for the season.

You will want to get one of these cards right away!!

I know you'll also enjoy seeing our exhibit "Arts and Crafts You Can Make." Come to the Kiddush in the Council Room following tomorrow morning's Services. At that time you will see some of the things that you will be able to make in leather, ceramics and copper, when the Arts and Crafts Hobby Club will start, on October 6th.

Be on the lookout for more information about the terrific Succos Party to be held Sunday night October 5th . . .

Till then . . .

See you in the Synagogue!"

NEWLY ARRIVED NEIGHBORS

If you, our reader, or any of your friends have just moved into our neighborhood, we would like to invite you to share our synagogue with us, as your spiritual home. Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Reichel would be glad to assist you in making your social as well as religious adjustment. Our phone number is TR 7-8281.



Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, whose chanting in the Main Synagogue of the traditional Kol Nidre prayer on Sunday evening will usher in the solemn fast of Yom Kippur.

DO NOT WAIT REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN IN OUR TALMUD TORAH NOW

We are happy to report that parents today are once again realizing the great value of starting their children's Jewish education young—at the same age that they start in Public School. Thus, the children are introduced to Judaism when study and play go hand in hand, and enjoy it.

If your children — boys or girls — are five years of age or older they will find themselves very much at home in one of our Hebrew School classes. This year our classes are named after cities in Israel such as Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Petach Tikva and Lydda, etc. Our pupils plan class projects based on the names of the Israeli cities which they adopt. This is one of the ways in which our school program is geared to current events.

Post Bar Mitzvah Group

We hope that more young men and young women, thirteen years of age and over, will take advantage of the Post Bar Mitzvah and Post Bas Mitzvah classes which meet weekly. These extension classes deserve the encouragement of all parents.

Yom Kippur Notes

Shabbos Shuva

The Sabbath during the Ten Days of Penitence is known as Shabbos Shuva. This appellation is derived from the Haftorah (special prophetic reading) read on that Sabbath. In this portion from the book of Hosea, the prophet, in G-d's name, calls upon the people of Israel to atone for their sins and return unto the L-rd, for He will surely forgive them. The first word of the Haftorah is "Shuva"—Return (or repent) O Israel unto G-d . . .

It is the custom, too, for a Rabbi to give a special D'rasha, or Halachic Discourse, on this Sabbath to help awaken the people to the importance of T'shuva, repentance, which is particularly important during this time of the year. Rabbi Reichel will give this discourse in our Synagogue.

Erev Yom Kippur

Our Rabbis were always careful to emphasize the Hachanah, the preparation for the performance of a Mitzvah, as well as the Mitzvos themselves. Thus, the eve of Yom Kippur has many important rituals connected with it.

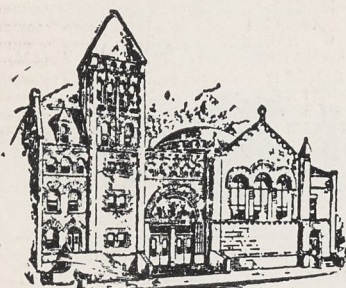
The custom of Kaporos, or Atone-ments, is one such procedure of Hachanah for the holy and sanctified day of Yom Kippur. So, too, the Rabbis stress the importance of feasting and drinking in preparation for the day-long fast of Yom Kippur, and give it an importance almost equal to that of the fasting on Yom Kippur itself.

The fasting on Yom Kippur starts from before sundown and lasts till after three medium sized stars have appeared on the following day. We refrain from wearing leather shoes as a sign of affliction and humility to fulfill the injunction of the Biblical verse, "ye shall afflict your souls . . . that ye may be clean from all your sins before the L-d."

Sins Between Man and Man

The Day of Atonement can only atone for those misdeeds committed between Man and G-d. Therefore,

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Yom Kippur Notes

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a man on the eve of Yom Kippur must examine his acts of the past year and search to discover whether he may have offended or hurt some other person. If he should find such a person, he must go to him before Yom Kippur and beg his pardon for whatever he may have said or done. Without this, the T'shuvoh of Yom Kippur is only a partial and incomplete measure, and does not atone for the sins of man to man.

Kol Nidre Service

The Ma'ariv Service for the eve of Yom Kippur takes on the name of the most well-known part of the service, the Kol Nidre prayer.

In keeping with the solemnity of the day, the men worshippers wear their Talesim, ordinarily not worn at the evening service. In addition, Sifre Torah (Torah Scrolls) are taken out of the Ark.

Kol Nidre

The Kol Nidre itself is begun be-



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508th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS "To Give The First Of The Fleece To The Priest"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to give the first of the wool of the flock to the priest, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 18, verse 4, "And the first of the fleece of thy sheep shalt thou give him." The minimum amount that was regarded as a herd of flock was five sheep, male or female. Our sages declared that the minimum amount to be given to the Priest should be one-sixtieth of the yield of wool of each shearing season. We were not permitted to give less than five selaim of wool, because this was the least amount sufficient for the making of a garment. In other words, the gift had to have enough in it so that it might be useful to the Priest.

The purpose of this commandment is as we have stated in regard to all the gifts that were to be given

fore sunset. This prayer has a long and interesting history. It occupies a unique place in Jewish law and liturgy. Originally suggested in the Talmud (Nedarim) as a legal device, the Kol Nidre was not a prayer but a legal declaration nullifying future vows of a personal nature, involving only an individual's interests. The Kol Nidre was not intended as a nullification of past promises. To emphasize this, Rebe-nu Tam, a medieval exegete, added certain clarifying phrases in Hebrew. It is said that this form of legal declaration came into wider use during the Spanish Inquisition when the Marranos were forced to take oaths to other religions, oaths which they did not sincerely accept. Through the years, the Kol Nidre has taken on a most important place in the Yom Kippur service.

The Yom Kippur Service

There are four parts to the Yom Kippur Service. The first is the traditional Shacharis or morning service. The portion of the Law dealing with the Yom Kippur sacrifices in the Temple is read.

to the Priests and the Levites, namely, that since they were the perpetual ministers in the Temple before the L-rd, and since they had no portion in the land nor in the spoils, the Holy One, blessed be He, provided that all their needs be given to them by their brethren. Thus, He gave them the Truma, "the heave offering", and the tithe for their **bread**; the shoulder and the jaw and the maw for their **meat**. They still needed clothing and money, therefore, this commandment provided the first fleece of the sheep for their **clothing**. The money which the Priest received at the Pidyan Haben, "the redemption of the first born", — all of this plus the redemption money from sacrifices served as **pocket money** for the Priests.

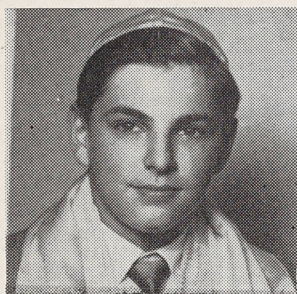
The laws of this commandment are as follows: The fleece of sheep had to be soft and fit for clothing. If the wool was hard and not fit for clothing, then one was free from giving the fleece to the Priest, because the purpose of the gift was, as we explained above, to provide for the apparel of the Priest.

Further details of this commandment are to be found in the Talmud Chulin, Chapter 11, and in the Yoreh Deah, Chapter 333. This commandment referred to male and female. He who trespassed it, violated this positive commandment.

The Mussaf service is then begun. During the repetition of the Amidah prayer by the Cantor, various hymns and petitionary prayers are recited or sung. The basis of the Cantor's repetition is a recitation of the procedure of the Yom Kippur service in the Beth Hamikdash, the Temple in Jerusalem. Many melodies used in this portion of the service date back to the days of the First Temple.

The Mincha or afternoon prayer is highlighted by the reading of the Book of Jonah as the Haftarah. This story serves to point out an excellent example of G-d's mercy and loving kindness.

The Neilah prayer is a peculiar one to Yom Kippur. It takes its name from the Hebrew phrase of closing the gates. Just as at this time, in days of old, the city gates were closed, so too, do we feel that the gates of heaven, the gates of prayer are about to be closed. Consequently, we take this last opportunity to beseech the Almighty for forgiveness before our fate is sealed.



BAR MITZVAH Stanley Rosenblum

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rosenblum upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Stanley. Mazel tov also to the grandma, Mrs. Mary Vilensky. Stanley is a pupil in our Talmud Torah.

Letter from Oliver Cromwell to Mr. Stone, Jan 11, 1635.

"Building of hospitals provides for men's bodies; but they that build up spiritual temples, they are the men truly charitable, truly pious."

Suggested by our Director, George L. Livingston.

S U C C O S

With the Festival of Succos only one week away, may we once again remind our readers to make their preparations for a proper observance of this festival as soon as possible. Without the Lulav and Esrog a complete observance of Succos in the traditional manner is impossible. These articles may be obtained through our Sexton, Rabbi Pekier. He may be reached either at the synagogue office or at his home, SC 4-5163.

Our readers are also urged to make their reservations for Succah meals as soon as possible. Reservations may be made for noon and evening meals during the Holiday and Saturday and also for the morning and evening meals during Chol Hamoed. The price per meal is the same as last year. This year, we expect to be able to accommodate the women inside the Succah.

The Arrangements and Decorations Committee which is in charge of the preparation and beautification of our Succah asks that all who might be able to assist in their work please fill out the form on P. 4 and mail it to the Succah Committee care of the Synagogue Office. Help is needed in decorations work and in the serving of Kiddush after each Service to the Congregation. All who can help are urged to do so.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	6:29
Weekly Portion: Hah-azeenoo	
Deut. 32 Hosea 14:2-10	
Micha 7:18-20	
Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Mincha Service	6:00
Reader of Service: Herbert Perlman	
Rabbi Reichel's Halachic Discourse	6:30
The Sabbath Terminates	7:29

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Selichos and Sunday Morning	
Services	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Sunday Mincha Services from 2:00 to 3:30	
Kol Nidre	5:25

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur Morning Service	8:00
Yom Kippur Junior Congregation	10:30
Yom Kippur Terminates	6:14
Daily Services following Yom Kippur	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:35

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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.

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Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

While our main concern during these Holy Days of Penitence must be the salvation of our souls, we, nevertheless, are happy to be able to report our usual weekly pleasant personalities . . . The following have joined our congregational family. To each of them, we extend our heartiest welcome:

Samuel M. Aber, Mannie Alt, Jacob Birnbaum, Ephraim Bril, Maxwell P. Brodsky, William P. Brodsky, Frank Cohen, Benjamin Edelstein, Jules S. Fabry, Samuel Gelberg, Emil Glucker, Charles K. Goldner, Emanuel Goodman, Dr. Mortimer Greer, Frank Horny, Joseph D. Klein, Herman W. Kleinmetz, S. D. Levy, Benjamin Miller, Mrs. Miriam Morse, Murray Moss, Sydney Rothenberg, Aaron M. Schreiber, Harry J. Simon, Benno Steinlauf, Herman J. Tatkon, Max S. Zimmer . . . Another one of our younger set to have reached his educational goal last June is Buddy Diamond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond. Buddy graduated from Long Island University . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sigman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Lawrence . . . WEDDING ANNIVERSARY greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Lew Bengis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiedler, and Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan . . . Best wishes and many happy returns of their BIRTHDAY to Mrs. Jacob Bayer, Hyman Druker, Mrs. Mae Feltman, Lenore Kaplan Finkelstein, Etta T. Gertz, Ellen May Greenfield, George Samuel Greenstein, Mrs. Jess Gross, Sylvia Jacoby, Mrs. Leon Kantorowitz, Joseph Moses, Philip Nager . . . Our profound gratitude to the House of Gross for the sweets they distributed for the children at Tashlich . . . Congratulations to the grandma, Mrs. Etta Jaffin, and to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jaffin, upon the marriage of their daughter, Doris Selma to Leon Greenberg . . . It was good to see back at services Mrs. Anne Siegel, and Stephen Katz with his father.

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- ☐ I shall be pleased to help fix up the Succah at the Synagogue, Thursday Oct. 2, 1952 at 8 P.M.
- ☐ I shall be pleased to assist in serving at Kiddush, in Succah, after Services —
- ☐ Friday evening, Oct. 3, 1952
- ☐ Saturday evening, Oct. 4, 1952
- ☐ Saturday morning, Oct. 4, 1952
- ☐ Sunday morning, Oct. 5, 1952
- ☐ Friday evening, Oct. 10, 1952
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Maccabees

The organizational meeting of the Maccabees (boys 13-14) will be held on Monday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 P.M.

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Oneg Shabbat

The "Oneg Shabbat" group will meet for the first time this Saturday afternoon at 3:45. All boys over 10 years of age are invited to join.

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