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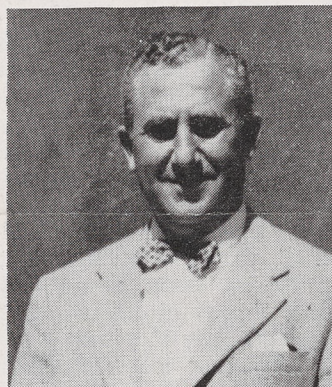
October 10, 1952

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SIMCHAS TORAH CHASANIM



Mr. Abe Goldman
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Mr. William Ball
Chasan Bereshis



Pres. Lester Udell
Chasan Maftir

RABBI AND MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN "AT HOME" TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION

In accordance with their annual custom, Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein will be at home (299 W. 78 Street, Apt. 31) to all the members and worshippers of our congregation (including those of the Manhattan Towers Service) on Saturday afternoon, October 11th from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

Our beloved Rabbi and Rabbetzin are anxious to meet and greet all the oldtimers in the congregation, as well as those who have moved into our neighborhood recently.

OUR BEAUTIFUL SUCCAH

Mrs. Myron Friedlander and Mrs. Jennie Yabrow, conscientious and hard-working Co-Chairmen of our Women's League Succah Committee, wish to express their appreciation to all those who helped make our Succah, this year, more beautiful than ever before.

Special thanks to the following men and women who came to help decorate the Succah Erev Yom Tov: Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mr. Myron Friedlander, Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mr. and Mrs. Al Kirsh, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Taks and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward.

Grateful appreciation to Mr. Julius Citron and to Willie of Plaza Fruit
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Festival Notes

Hoshana Rabba

Today, Friday, the last of the Intermediate days of the Festival of Succoth, is known as Hoshana Rabba. It is observed with solemnity similar to that of Yom Kippur and is thought of, as a final day of judgment and repentance.

The name of the day is derived from the many paryers, or Hoshanos (from the Hebrew "O Pray, Save", which are recited at the morning services of this day.

On the night preceeding Hoshana Rabba, we read from the "Tikkun", a collection of writings from the Scriptures and Talmud. There are many Jews who stay awake all night in the study of the Torah.

Shemini Atzeres

The eighth day of Succos is a separate holiday. The Rabbis tell us that Succos is a holiday for universal rejoicing. All nations of the earth brought sacrifices to G-d in the Holy Temple. Shemini Atzeres, the Eighth Day of Solemn Assembly, however, was set aside as a closing Day of Reflection for the people of Israel.

Koheleth

Immediately following the Schacharis, the early morning services, the Book of Koheleth, or Ecclesiastes, is read in its entirety. The book written by King Solomon is a reflective and philosophic work which ends with the injunction: "Fear G-d and keep

We are pleased to announce that the Synagogue has honored Mr. William Ball to be Chasan Torah, Mr. Abe Goldman to be Chasan Bereshis, and our President, Mr. Lester Udell, to be Chasan Maftir, on Simchas Torah, this Sunday morning.

The one who is honored with the final portion is called "Chasan Torah" (The Bridegroom of the Torah). The one who is honored with the first reading in Genesis, which follows immediately, is called "Chasan Bereshis" (The Bridegroom of Genesis).

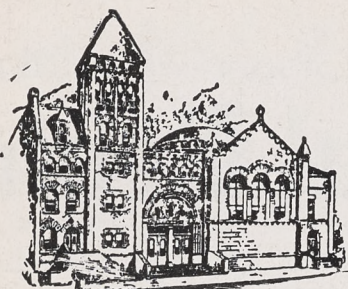
In addition, a Chasan Maftir, reads as the Haftorah, the first chapter in the book of Joshua, thus continuing the story left off at the end of Deuteronomy.

His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

Koheleth is read on the Intermediate Sabbath of Succos, or on Shemini Atzeres should that day fall on Sabbath (as it does this year). The work is read at this particular time since King Solomon himself used this holiday season to preach to all the people who had assembled in Jerusalem, in accordance with the Biblical command of Moses (in Deuteronomy 31).

Prayer For Rain

On Shemini Atzeres, we recite during the repetition of the Mussaf service
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FESTIVAL NOTES

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vice a special prayer for rain for the coming year.

The Succos holiday marked the beginning of the winter season in Israel. Only during this season is there any rain in that part of the world. The advent of rain is a matter of much concern and anxiety for those living in the Middle East.

Simchat Torah

The last day is known as Simchas Torah (Rejoicing of the Law). On this day, the annual cycle of weekly readings of the Pentateuch comes to an end, and is immediately begun anew. This practice signifies that there is no end to the study of the Law.

Hakofos

At the evening as well as the morning services, the worshippers are given an opportunity to carry the Scrolls, (all of which are taken out of the Ark), around the Synagogue in a joyous procession.

In general, our rejoicing with the Torah serves as an important lesson to our youth. Therefore, all children should be brought to the synagogue to observe and participate in the festivities.

This day is a particularly festive one. The Jew rejoices in the Torah which he has just had the z'chus, "the privilege," of completing and which he begins afresh immediately.



"AS
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510th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not To Indulge In Divination"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are bidden not to divine as we read in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 18 verse 10, "There shall not be found among you . . . anyone that useth divination." Divination, was used to foretell the future. It was pretended, that by concentrating upon some objects, knowledge as to future events could be revealed. It is interesting to note that the Hebrew for "divination" is קִסָּם which means a thin piece of wood, a toothpick. In other words, to rely upon a diviner is like resting upon a toothpick.

This commandment refers to male and female and is prohibited at all times. He who indulged in divination where an act was involved, received stripes.

511th COMMANDMENT

"There Shall Not Be Found Among You An Observer Of Times"

We are bidden not to be connected with any form of witchcraft whatsoever. Concerning this we read in the Book of Deuteronomy,

A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull

W.S.I.S. Youth Director

Our new and expanded Youth Program will be in full swing immediately after the Holidays. Those who have not as yet made their application for membership are urged to do so **at once**.

Membership in our Social Department entitled one to participation in all our Youth activities. These include such varied programs as Specialty Clubs, dances, and all other activities including outings, parties, etc. This year we have an expanded Specialty program, including a new Arts and Crafts room, Photography, Dramatics and Stamp Clubs.

Please feel free to call on me any evening for further information.

See you soon . . .

Chapter 18, verse 10, "There shall not be found among you . . . an observer of times or an enchanter or a sorcerer." Some say that the observer of times, refers to astrology. Others say it refers to optical illusions. The enchanter, the Rabbis say in the Sifri, refers to one who regulates his actions according to omens. They give the following examples, which sound very much up to date. Action should not be taken by one, if a piece of bread fell out of one's hand, or if an animal crossed one's path, or if a cane fell out of one's hand. A sorcerer is one who uses magical appliances for curing, or for inflicting diseases, or performing feats and not attributing them to cause and effect.

The Torah in no uncertain terms opposes any form of witchcraft. It is ill befitting a holy people who embrace the Torah, the Law of Truth, to indulge in these spurious practices. Our belief should rest solely upon G-d. This gives us a safe feeling and puts all our hope and trust upon His loving kindness. All these forms of witchcraft involved in this commandment have a trace of idol worship. Those who trespass this commandment should be stoned. If he practices it unwittingly, he is to bring the stated sin offering, which is the same for rich and poor. The Beth Din is warned not to flirt or to attempt to find a loophole in the law, or to condone or to show mercy in regard to this matter.

This prohibition prevails at all places, and at all times, and refers to male and female alike.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

On Monday, October 13th at 12:30 o'clock, Mrs. Leopold Hirsch will entertain the entire Executive Board of our Women's League at a luncheon which will be held at her home.

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A word to the wise is sufficient — boys and girls. Come one, come all!

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

The week following the Jewish Holidays, October 27, will mark the opening of our Laymen's Institute.

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On Tuesday nights beginning October 28, there will be a series of lectures by guest professors and experts on Jewish history and "Foundations of Judaism." Please watch the Review for future details.

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Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for children 4 to 6	10:30-12:15
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3:30
At Home—Rabbi & Mrs. Goldstein	2:30-4:30
Mincha Service	5:00
Light Candles Saturday Night after	5:46
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Sunday Mincha	5:10
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Candance

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, **Reba Friedman**, devoted and beloved Treasurer, of the Daughters of the W.S.I.S.

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, **Alfred Schlegman** and to Mrs. Dewey Last upon the loss of their beloved mother, our member, **Dora Schlegman**.

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Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

We are occasionally asked by well meaning souls why we don't put more Winchell into this column. Now, we must confess that the temptation to do so is always great, considering the opportunities and the material always afforded to us by such a large membership as ours, but we can never allow ourselves to forget that our mission here is not to spread gossip but gospel, not to extol sin but synagogue. And, so, back to our job . . . We are indeed happy to have back with us Donald Kaplan from Korea, where he valorously did his bit for democracy and the glory of the USA . . . Our heartiest congratulations upon successfully passing the New York Bar examinations to Justin Colin, son of our Director and Mrs. Albert H. Colin and grandson of our member, Mrs. Annie Mirken . . . We are proud in learning that our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein represented the U.S.A. at a meeting of the UNESCO in Washington and Rabbi Reichel delivered the invocation at a meeting of the City Council . . . Mazel Tov upon the birth of a son, Seth Ira, to Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Kraus, and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fuchs. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, has recently endorsed cake mixes and other tempting delicacies. We are told that housewives and any others who are interested in an indexed catalogue of the Union's endorsed products may obtain same without charge by writing for their Kashruth Directory to UOJCA, 305 Broadway, New York 7, N.Y. . . . May wedding anniversary bells ring for Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bank, Director and Mrs. Julius Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blankfort, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Friedlander, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldberg . . .

Happy birthday to I. J. Bernstein, Daniel C. Davis, Mrs. Samuel C. Gardner, H. Don Golden, Jesse L. Greenstein, Lawrence Charles Moskowitz, Denise Merkin, Cyrus I. Yavneh . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Regina Margareten . . . A special note of thanks to the following who acted as hostesses to the hundreds of worshippers who came up to our Succah for Kiddush and Motzi after services: Mrs. Harry Cohen, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Mrs. Frank Taks; and to the Misses Judy Beier, Barbara Kaplan, Michele Siegel, Fanny Steinmetz, and Ruth Ukeles . . . Lest we forget, keep in mind for Shemini Atzereth, October 11th, at 2:30 P.M. the annual gathering at the home of our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Rebbetzin. A great time is assured to all.



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