

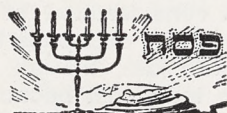
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Holiday Notes



Birchas Hachamah

This year, the Great Cycle, the Machzor Hagadol, will be completed. This is a 28-year cycle of the sun, bringing the sun back to the same position it was in the heavens at the time that it was created by G-d. Just as we recite a special blessing when the little cycle, the New Moon repeats itself every lunar month, so, too, have the Sages ordained a blessing for this great cycle. Our Sages have ordained that we celebrate Kiddush Hachamah in the first year of each 28-year cycle on the day of Tekufath Nisan (the spring period of the year), which always occurs on Wednesday, the day that the sun, moon, and stars were created. This year, Kiddush Hachamah will take place on the morning of April 8, which is the day after Passover, i.e. next Wednesday, please G-d.

Service for Kiddush Hachamah

All males are obliged to recite the blessing for this event. The time for pronouncing the blessing is from sunrise until the third hour of the day, approximately 9 A.M. Every individual should say the Blessing when he first sees the sun in the morning. Since, however, it is praiseworthy to glorify the Mitzvah by fulfilling it in a large congregation, all should make the attempt to participate in the Synagogue services for that morning.

The Blessing which the Talmud prescribes is as follows:

"Blessed art Thou, oh L--d our G-d, King of the Universe, Who performs the work of creation." The blessing should be said standing.

In addition, appropriate prayers and selections from certain Psalms relating to the wonders of the creation are recited: Psalms VIII, XIX,

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"POP" WARTELS TO BE HONORED AT U.J.A. DINNER ON MAY 5th

All Congregants Urged To Keep Date Open

Forum Discussion

By a panel of Elected Officials

Under the auspices of the

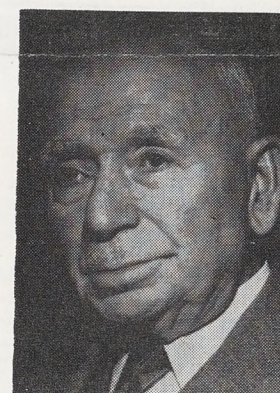
MEN'S CLUB



Keep the Date Open

Monday Night, April 13

Max Lazarus, Chairman, Arrangements



Aaron Wartels

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO NOMINATE AND ELECT OFFICERS SOON

The slate of Women's League officers for the ensuing year will be presented and voted upon at the April Executive Board meeting.

Mrs. Joseph Friedman, Chairman of Nominations will appreciate your writing or 'phoning her (care of the W.S.I.S., 122 W. 76th Street, TR 7-8281), any suggestions you may have in this connection.

SPECIAL KIDDUSH TO FOLLOW YOUTH SABBATH SERVICES SATURDAY, MAY 2

The young ladies of our youth groups will serve as hostesses at the Kiddush for the young folks which will be held at the close of the services on Saturday morning, May 2.

The young men of the Congregation will be in complete charge of the Synagogue from Friday night through Sabbath afternoon. They will chant the services, read the Torah, and preach the sermon.

April 12th is the closing date for sending in the manuscript for the Sermon Contest.

All the young men and women, who would like to participate in Youth Sabbath should write to the Youth Service Committee, care of the Synagogue, 122 West 76th Street.

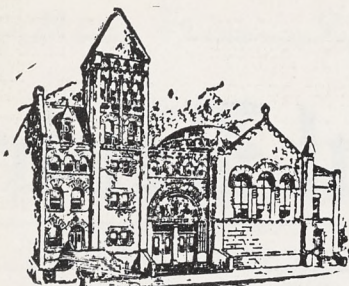
We are indeed very happy to felicitate "Pop" Wartels upon his birthday on the eighth day of Passover.

We want also to take this means of congratulating him upon the honor which is being bestowed upon him on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal of the W.S.I.S.

On Tuesday night, May 5th, Pop Wartels will be the Guest of Honor at our annual United Jewish Appeal Campaign Dinner. We are sure that all our worshippers will be delighted to pay a tribute to Pop Wartels by their presence at this dinner. We are making the announcement in time so that you will not accept any other appointment for that evening. This is the number one engagement for every man and woman in our congregation.

COLLEGIATES TO HAVE GET-TOGETHER

Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel will be the hosts to our Collegiates, at their home, 135 West 84th Street, this Friday night, April 3rd, at 9:00 o'clock.



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CXXI, and LXVII. The Kel Adon prayer is also recited.

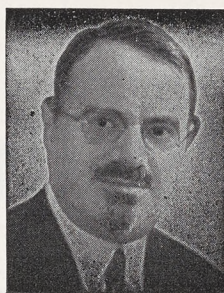
All who can possibly do so, are urged to attend services in our Synagogue on this coming Wednesday, either at 6:45, 7:45 or at 8:30.

The Counting of the Omer

On the second night of the Passover holiday, we began the "counting of the Omer," in accord with the Biblical injunction, "From the morrow of the Pesach, from the day of your bringing the Omer, shall ye count seven full weeks, forty-nine days." The Omer was a special offering of barley gathered from the newly ripened grain which permitted the use of the **Chadash**, the new spring harvest.

The counting of the Omer should take place after sunset. Immediately before stating the number of the days and the weeks in the Omer, we make the benediction, Al Sefirath Ho-Omer. This should be done while standing. If one had forgotten to count the Omer during the night, he should count during the day, without the blessing. However, if one skips an entire day, then, thereafter, he may count, but without the blessing.

The counting of the Omer continues for the seven weeks until the



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549th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not To Eat Of The Mixture Of Seeds In The Vineyard"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Many a sin comes through the drinking of wine. If we drink too much wine it brings evil, then certainly wine created through sin, through the mixture of seeds, would bring the spirit of an unbridled nature. Whether one sows this forbidden mixture or allows someone else to sow it in his possessions, he violates this commandment, and the produce must be burned.

At what time does this vineyard become forbidden? Tradition has it, when it has taken on 1/200th of the growth of the seeds. Maimonides has given a way of estimating this amount. He said, cut off a twig of the vine. As long as it takes to rot, so long does it take to grow. It is permissible to eat of the vegetable produce or of the vine when each one is separated from the other, by at least 4 cubits, a cubit being about 27 inches. A vineyard means five vines or trees arranged at least in this :-: way.

holiday of Shovuous. The Rabbis and commentators have given several reasons for the Biblical injunction. The most widely accepted is that the counting of the days between the two holidays demonstrates the fact that without spiritual redemption, which took place on Shovuous with the giving of the Torah, physical redemption, which occurred at Passover, can have little or no meaning. During the days of the Omer, we count time for the preparation of the spiritual redemption.

Historically, many tragedies have befallen the Jewish people during this season of the year. For that reason, we observe a "partial mourning" period during this time.

Song of Songs

Tomorrow, the Intermediate Sab-

This prohibition concerning כלאי זרעים "the mixture of seeds in the vineyard", Biblically refers to Israel, but outside of Israel, it is a Rabbinic prohibition.

550th COMMANDMENT

"Thou Shalt Not Plow With An Ox And An Ass Together"

The Rabbis point out that the ox is strong and the ass is weak, and to make them work together is cruelty to the weaker animal. Some say, on the other hand, that this law is in consideration of the ox. The ox is heavy and pulls the plow slowly. The ass, though lazy, is put in the team just because of its quick steps, so as to be a pulling example for the weary ox, and is inhuman. Thus, we find in the Torah the foundation for our much vaunted modern "Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

This prohibition refers to any two different species of cattle where one is of a clean and the other of an unclean species, but it is permitted to do so in the case of two clean or two unclean animals. It does not refer to plowing alone, but to any work, as for instance, treading or pulling a cart, etc. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 10, "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together." Maimonides says that there is another basis for the prohibition. He said that it is customary to bring the yoked animals used for plowing into one barn. This naturally brings about their mating, and we would thus be causing the mating of two diverse animals.

bath of the Holiday, we read the Song of Songs after the "Schacharis" Services. This beautiful series of songs of King Solomon provides a beautiful analogy to G-d's love for His people, Israel. This relationship between G-d and His people is always compared to the relationship of young lovers by the prophets and especially in **this** book of the Bible.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES

Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig will lecture this Wednesday night, April 8th, at 8:00 o'clock, in our Laymen's Institute. The following week he will resume his lectures on Tuesday nights as heretofore.

All our readers are cordially invited to attend his informative and inspiring discourses on various phases of Judaism.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening

before	6.02
Scriptural Reading: Song of Songs Chapters 1. to 8 Exodus 33.12-34.26 Numbers 28.19-25 Ezekiel 36.37-37-17	

Friday Evening Service	6.00
Saturday Morning Service	8.40
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6	10.30
Junior Congregation	10.45
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3.40
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class	4.30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	4.30
Mincha Service	5.30

Reader of Torah: Michael Gold
Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath Terminates	6.52
Sunday Morning Chal-Hamoed Services	6.30, 7.30, 8.15
Sunday Mincha	6.15
Sunday Light Candles up to	6.03

MONDAY

Monday Morning (7th Day of Passover)	8.50
Passover Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6	10.30
Junior Congregation	10.45
Kindle Festival Lights	6.04
Monday Mincha	6.15

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning	8.40
YIZKOR SERVICES	
Passover Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6	10.30
Junior Congregation	10.45
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class	5.15
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	5.15
Tuesday Mincha	6.15
Daily Services:	
Festival Terminates	6.55

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Morning	6.45, 7.45, 8.30
Mincha	6.20
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor Services will be held on the last day of Passover, Tuesday, April 7th. 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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A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Aryeh Seagull

Here is something I hope you don't "Passover" lightly — It's a resume of the activities in our Youth and Social Department; I hope you'll find your place here.

For the **girls**: Our **Bnos**, girls 9 to 11, meet every Saturday afternoon at 3:45. On Sunday, the **Junior Debs**, 11 to 12 year olds, meet at 11:00 A.M.

Teenagers can mingle in our co-ed "Friday Night Club".

And as for the **boys**: Our **Shabbat Boys Group** is for 10-11 year olds. The "**Maccabees**", 13-14 year olds, and the "**Royals**", older teen-agers, share the Jewish Center **Gym facilities** on Sunday mornings.

On the **Collegiate level**: we have a budding "**Thespian**" group, which meets Friday nights.

And, last but not least: our **Game Room** is open at 7:30 to 9:30, Mondays, and **Arts & Crafts** on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

Find your club! and we'll see you at the Synagogue.

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This Chol Hamoed,
Saturday afternoon, April 5th
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W.S.I.S. LEAGUE TO SHOW FILM

Young married couples of our Congregational Family are cordially invited to attend the showing of an interesting and provocative film, "The High Wall", at the W.S.I.S. League meeting on Sunday night, April 19th, at 8:30 o'clock.

It is of special interest to young parents inasmuch as it deals with the problem of prejudice and the home.

If you would like to receive a personal invitation to this affair and to other activities of the League, please send a note to Dr. Gustave Oremland, its President, care of the W.S.I.S.

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**CONDOLENCE**

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Samuel Pincus, upon the passing of his father.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS**

Our Talmud Torah is accepting new pupils, for the spring season. Please come Sunday mornings or daily afternoons after 3:30, or phone our principal, Rabbi Reichel, if you wish any advice regarding your child's religious school problem.

Your children should be encouraged to attend Junior Congregation services on Saturday mornings and on the Passover Festival mornings, at 10:45 o'clock.

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Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

The Model Seder given for our Hebrew School last week was indeed a model of what a beautiful and inspiring Seder can be. Our Parents-Teachers Association is hereby awarded our citation of merit for its sponsorship of the event and for the delicious refreshments furnished by them . . . It is always gratifying to learn when more than lip service is given to inter-faith movements, that is why we are happy to learn that Hunter College is having their spring vacation coincide with our Passover holidays . . . Donald Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ditchik, who is a Bar Mitzvah graduate of our Congregation and is a Correspondent for the International News Service, is one of the three men who were picked up on a yacht by the Chinese Communists. Our prayers are offered for his safe return . . . We are happy to welcome into our Congregational Family the following new members: Mrs. Esther Herring, Benjamin Hoffseyer, Dr. John George Reich, Miss Rose Schwager, Messrs. A. Jack and Louis Stern . . . Our heartiest Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schloss upon the **betrothal** of their daughter, Thea, to Walter Katz. The prospective bride is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic society, and we pray that her marital career will be as successful as her scholastic . . . Our prayers for a speedy return to good health to Mrs. Abraham Shaller . . . **Wedding anniversary** greetings to Director and Mrs. Abraham M. Druckman and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shapiro . . . Many happy returns of their **natal days** to David Jay Beier, Hyman Feld, Eliot Martin Glazer, Mrs. Noah Kobrin, Director Moses Langer, Louis H. Markowitz, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Joseph Jonathan Schraub, Director Joseph Shapiro, Michele Siegel, Director Frank L. Taks, Clifford Weinstein, Mrs. Joseph Zahler and her son, Steven Zahler.

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