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Festival Notes

SHAVUOTH

This Tuesday evening we usher in the Festival of Shavuoth, or the Feast of Weeks. It is so called because it comes at the end of the seven weeks of the Omer which we begin counting on the second day of Passover.

The holiday is also known as "Chag Hakatsir" (The Festival of the Harvest) and the "Yom HaBikurim" (The day of the First Fruits), since in Temple days the first fruits were offered at the Temple at this time of the year.

The Giving of the Law

Although the Torah does not specifically mention this day as the day of the giving of the Law, Rabbinic tradition has assigned this, the sixth day of the month of Sivan, as the day when the Law was first given to Israel. Therefore, the holiday is also known as the anniversary of the giving of the Law, ("Zeman matan torasenu").

The special portion of the Law read on the first day of Shevuos is the Ten Commandments, (from

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Director Jack Berlin Appointed Entertainment Chairman For June 23

Men's Club Notes

Nominations Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, May 18, beginning at 8:30, Mr. H. William Hirsch, President of the Club has announced. At this important meeting, the second nominations for officers of the Men's Club for the forthcoming year will be accepted. All members of the Club are therefore urged to attend and be heard.

Baseball Party

May we remind our readers of the forthcoming Baseball Party sponsored by the Men's Club. The Party will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 14 at the Polo Grounds. Choice seats, behind the first and third base lines are available. All of the members and friends of the Men's Club are urged to attend with their children and friends.



Jack Berlin

Another of the appointed chairmen for the gala June 23 'Man of the Year' reception has been announced by our President, Mr. Lester Udell. Our Director Jack Berlin will head the committee in charge of Entertainment at the reception.

At this same reception, the Souvenir Album, "Honor Roll of Loyal Friends" will be tendered to our 'Man of the Year', our devoted Director, Mr. Herman H. Cohen.

With the reception only a little over six weeks away, it is imperative that we receive all the ads and greetings that are to be inserted by our readers and their friends in the Souvenir Album in the very near future. The album is to be presented to Mr. Cohen at the Reception, therefore, preparations must be well under way early this month.

May we urge you therefore to contact the Synagogue office at once, if you have not sent in your greeting to be inserted, or if you wish to obtain ad blanks for use by your friends.

COLLEGIATE GET-TOGETHER THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Our college-age young men and women are invited to attend a special reunion this Sunday afternoon, May 17th, at 1.30 o'clock, promptly, in the Council Room.

Women's League Installation Of Officers, Closing Meeting This Monday At Noon

All the women of our congregation and their friends are cordially invited to be the guests of the Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue at a Luncheon to be held at the Synagogue Building on Monday, May 18th at 12 o'clock sharp.

An enjoyable program will follow the Luncheon.

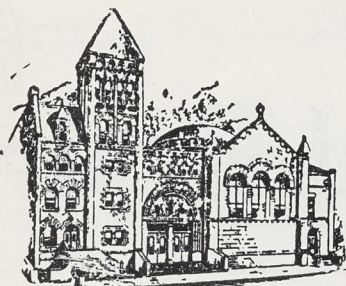
The main feature of the afternoon will be the Installation of the following Officers who have been elected for the ensuing year:

Honorary Presidents: Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs.

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**Mrs. Michael Weingarten
Incoming President**



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the Book of Exodus). On the first day, the special Aramaic liturgy, Akdamos, is chanted, telling of the greatness of G-d, the Torah and Israel, before commencing to recite His commandments.

It is also customary to decorate the synagogue and the home with leaves and flowers symbolic of the green vegetation that covered Mt. Sinai at the giving of the Law, as well as the green leaves that decorated the offering of the first fruits.

Tikun Shavuoth

On the eve of the first night of the holiday, it is customary to stay awake all night and recite certain selections from the Bible and Talmud from a specially prepared book of excerpts called "Tikun Shevuoth."

The Kabbalah, Jewish mystic thought, gives many reasons for this custom. The most widely known is that on the eve of the giving of the Law, the Children of Israel slept and did not prepare themselves. Moses had to awaken them and bring them out to accept the Law as we read, "And Moses brought forth the people." Therefore, we stay awake all night as correction for this.



"AS
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IT"

559th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"He That Is Maimed Or Crushed Shall Not Enter The Assembly Of The Lord"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

One who has made himself sterile may not contract a marriage in Israel, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 23, verse 22, "He that is crushed or maimed in his privy shall not enter the assembly of the L-rd." This is to do away with any practice against the scheme of G-d's creation.

This commandment prevails at all times, all places and refers to males. If one trespasses this commandment he receives stripes.

560th COMMANDMENT

"A 'Mamzer' Shall Not Enter Into The Assembly Of The L-rd"

A "Mamzer" may not marry an Israelite girl, as we read in Deuteronomy, chapter 23, verse 3: "A bastard shall not enter the assembly of the L-rd." However, we may meet him socially and do business with him, because it was not his fault that he was so disqualified. Our Sages even say, in the Talmud, that a "Mamzer" who was a great scholar may even precede a Cohain in being called up to the Torah. A "Mamzer" is one born of a cohabi-

tation which is against the law, and which is either punishable by excision or by capital punishment. (See Leviticus, Chapter 18, and 20).

This Commandment prevails at all times and places and refers to male and female, and one who breaks this commandment receives stripes.

561st COMMANDMENT

"We Are Not To Marry Forever With Any Of The Males Of Ammon And Moab"

We are not to marry any of the males of the children of Ammon and Moab, even after they have been proselytized, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 23, verse 4: "The Ammonite or the Moabite shall not enter into the Assembly of the L-rd . . . forever." He may become a Jew but he may not marry a Jewess. From the use of the masculine and not the feminine the Talmud deducts that only the male Ammonite and Moabite are excluded. Ruth, who was a Moabitess, entered the Jewish fold and became the ancestress of King David (see Jerushalmi, Yevamos, Chapter 8, Halacha 3). There are two reasons for this commandment, as found in the next verse, verse 5: "Because they met thee not with bread and water on the way when you came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Bilam, to curse thee." However, since these nations have no longer retained their identity, any non-Jew who wants to be converted may be received and become a full-fledged Israelite and marry a Jewish girl, provided, of course, that his conversion does not come about only for the sake of marriage, but for the sake of loyalty to the laws of the Jewish religion.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Our Hebrew School Library is open daily at 3:15 o'clock for the benefit of our pupils. Current books of Jewish interest to our youth are most welcome.

Our Hebrew School pupils are busily preparing themselves for the Shevuoth Holiday. Parents are urged not to send their children to Public School on Wednesday and Thursday, May 20th and 21st. Rather, the children should be encouraged to attend our Junior Congregation Services which are made attractive and enjoyable for all our youngsters.

Our children have also been treated to a film strip on Shevuoth. This is part of our audio-visual education program.

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor Services will be held on the last day of Shevuos, Thursday, May 21. 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.

I hereby request you to offer the Memorial Prayer for the coming

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Name

Address

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Evening before	7:45
Weekly Portion: Bamidbar	
Numbers 1:1 - 4:20 Hosea 2:1 - 22	
Omer 45.	
Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Sabbath Kindergarten for	
Children 4 to 6	10:30
Junior Congregation	10:45
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3:40
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	5:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	5:45
Mincha Service	7:15
Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter	
Reader of Service: Hershel Gold	
6th Chapter Ethics of the Fathers	
<i>The Sabbath Terminates</i>	8:33
<i>Daily Services:</i>	
Sunday Morning 6:45, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00	
Monday and Tuesday 6:45, 7:45, 8:30	
Mincha	7:50

SHEVUOS

Light Candles Tuesday before	7:50
Tuesday Evening Mincha	8:10
Tikkun Shevuos (All Night Study)	10:30
Wednesday morning	9:00
Holiday Kindergarten for	
Children 4 to 6	10:30
Junior Congregation	10:45
Wednesday Mincha	7:45
Light Candles	7:52
Thursday morning	8:30

YIZKOR

Holiday Kindergarten for	
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Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	6:40
Mincha	8:10
Friday Morning	6:45, 7:45, 8:30

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**WOMEN'S LEAGUE
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**Closing Meeting of the Season
MONDAY MAY 18th at 12 NOON**

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Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Benjamin M. Flaks upon the loss of his wife, **Adeline Flaks.**

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Alexander M. Golden, Mrs. Joseph Greenberg, and Mr. Sam Levine upon the passing of their mother, **Fannie Levine.**

DID YOU ATTEND THE DINNER ON MAY 5th FOR THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

You know our Synagogue is helping the United Jewish Appeal. At the dinner give in honor of our Vice President "Pop" Wartel, we raised \$400,000 but that is not enough. Our Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein made a stirring address that thrilled the audience.

If you were unable to be present, will you please either mail in your check or write us what you wish to pledge for 1953.

Nobody should give if they cannot afford to give. But if you can give, the United Jewish Appeal should receive from you not only good wishes for what they are doing,

but more important, they should get your contribution. Your contribution will help towards the well being of Jewry in Israel.

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."

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 West 76th Street. Thanks.

JACOB KAPLAN,
Chairman

Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

We always have on hand an inexhaustible supply of citations, so we advise our members and friends not to desist from the performance of meritorious services for fear that we might be lacking in sufficient citations to bestow. Most recent recipients of our congregational citations of merit are: Michael Blankfort, son of our Director Henry Blankfort, upon receiving the prize-winning award from the Jewish Book Council for having written the most recent best novel on Israel, "The Juggler"; to Aaron W. Gross upon his appointment as chairman of the annual dinner to be tendered by the Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education . . . Welcome back home to our personal ambassador to Italy, Director Harry Mirken, and from Florida to Reverend Chaim Shapiro . . . Our scholarly member Isaac Allen, leader of the weekly Saturday afternoon Talmud Class, has invited Harris L. Selig as guest lecturer for a series of discourses on the Agada. Mr. Allen's devotees never miss any of the classes, but all others are equally welcome. See our prayer schedules for the time of these classes . . . Our Women's League has undertaken to decorate our Synagogue with flowers and greens for the forthcoming Shevuoth Holidays . . . The young married couples of our Congregation are planning a gala social evening at our Synagogue House this Sunday evening, May 17th, at 7:00 o'clock. We hope that as many newlyweds and those who consider themselves such will attend . . . Our heartiest Mazel Tov and best wishes to Dr. Jack Rothschild and to Miss Mildred Bonchek upon their recent **Betrothal**; and upon the **Birth** of a son, Stephen Howard, to the parents Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shlansky . . . and to the Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky . . . **Wedding Anniversary greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ackerman, Director and Mrs. Harry Altman, Mr. and Mrs. Saul J. Becker, Director and Mrs. Albert H. Colin, Mr. and Mrs. I. Friedman . . . Many happy returns of their **Birthdays** to Annie Susan Abelloff, Harry Ackerman, Joel Ira Ballin, Mrs. Meta Bayer, Ronald Eric Bellsey, Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein, Miles

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