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## TO PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

We cannot urge our parents too emphatically to enroll their children — girls as well as boys — at an early age in our Hebrew School and Sunday morning Kindergarten.

Our progressive curriculum for the younger set emphasizes the importance of play and fun while learning. Thus, the children are introduced to the Bible and background of Judaism in a natural, pleasant and joyful manner. No wonder that some of our parents reported last year that their children cried when they were compelled to miss some Hebrew Class.

Knowledge does not come in concentrated capsules, as do vitamins. It is unfair to expect any Hebrew School to cram six years' Jewish Studies into a child's mind in a few years, before his Bar Mitzvah.

We also would like to go on record as saying that **girls are as important as boys in our school**. As the future mothers, they determine in large measure, the spirit and philosophy of the home.

So, dear parents and grandparents, we **urge** you most fervently to enroll your children and grandchildren this Sunday morning, when they will be able to enjoy our Special Film Party — or enroll them any afternoon during the coming week.

The principal of our School, Rabbi Reichel will be glad to plan your child's Jewish educational program with you, at all times bearing in mind his or her elementary or high-school program. Give Rabbi Reichel a ring and you will realize what his advice to you will mean in the life of your child.

## GREET YOUR FRIENDS FOR THE NEW YEAR IN THE WSIS REVIEW

Extend New Year greetings to friends through the **Review** in its special Rosh Hashona Issue.

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## HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS AVAILABLE IN OUR

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To start our Hebrew School season in a festive spirit, all the youngsters of our Community are invited to attend a special Film Party and Enrollment Rally in our building on Sunday morning, September 12, at 10:00 o'clock. Useful gifts and prizes will be distributed to all present, as well as to the prospective pupils. Charlie Chaplin will entertain us on the screen.

Film strips depicting the High Holidays will be featured. Our boys and girls will surely enjoy this popular description of the festivals which we are about to celebrate.

Admission is free. Additional tickets are available in our Hebrew School office.

## RABBI GOLDSTEIN TO GIVE A COMMENTARY ON THE PRAYER-BOOK

Rabbi Goldstein (who last year completed his comments on the 613 Commandments of the Bible) begins with this issue a commentary on the Siddur. This should serve to introduce us to the Daily Prayer-book. We wish our Rabbi success in this monumental undertaking.

## GREETINGS FROM OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT



**Lester Udell**

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It gives me great pleasure to extend a cordial welcome to all our worshippers, both old and new.

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Won't you help us bring this to the attention of the members of your family by filling in the attached questionnaire and mailing or bringing it in to the W.S.I.S. 122 W. 76th St. without delay.

With best wishes for a year of health and happiness, I am

Cordially yours,  
**LESTER UDELL**  
President

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AND AGE LEVEL  
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## THIS IS REGISTRATION WEEK

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## THE DAILY PRAYER BOOK

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Prayer is one of the three Spiritual bases of the world. The other two are Torah and the practice of Charity.

The Prayer Book is the constant companion of the Jew, from his earliest childhood until his last conscious breath leaves him.

## A LETTER TO THE READER

"With The Help of G-d"

Elul 12, 5714 — September 10, 1954  
My Dear Reader:

"What bread is to the body, prayer is to the soul. Prayer is the food of the soul. The spiritual glow of one prayer lasts until the utterance of the next, even as the strength derived from one meal lasts until the next one.

"Prayer is the wireless message between man and G-d.

"Religion brings the soul back to G-d, and prayer is the means which it employs to do this. Every day we send the wireless message of prayer to G-d, renewing thereby our constant friendship with Him. Those who make prayer a rare practice are only acquaintances but not friends of G-d.

"Prayer serves not only as a petition to G-d, but as an influence upon ourselves. Our sages, centuries ago, voiced the thought, echoed by the great poet, George Meredith, who declared, 'He who rises from his worship a better man, his prayer is answered.' Prayer has the double charm of bringing G-d down to man, and lifting man upward to G-d. Thus the lowliest and the commonest of men are reborn through prayer.

"Jehuda Halevi, that best beloved figure of the religious philosophers, said that man should look forward to the moments set aside for prayer 'because while they last he resembles the truly spiritual being and is elevated then, above merely animal existence.'

"Prayer distinguishes man from the beast. We have been given the power of speech, to make us different from the dumb driven animal. Thus we say every day with the Psalmist, 'O L-rd, open thou my lips, and may my mouth declare Thy praise.' But how like the beasts have we fallen! The cattle get up in the morning, are fed, and sent out to the green pastures. In the evening they are brought back to the barn, given some food, ruminate, have their bed

of straw made and then go to sleep. Are there not many of us today who, like the cattle, rise in the morning, swallow our food quickly, hurry downtown, the pasture for the day, come back home in the evening, ruminate in some movie house, then return home to go to bed, just as the beast, without a word of prayer, or of thanksgiving, for the life G-d daily renews within us?

"However we may seek to deny prayer, to set it aside or escape it, but no sooner do the dark clouds of sorrow begin to hover over us, we cry out in every fibre of our being for communion with our Creator, Guardian and Father. This, deepest of human cravings, in our distress, finds expression in prayer, whereby our souls are fortified by direct communion with the guiding spirit of all things.

"The conviction of all believers in prayer is, that they are speaking to one who hears and cares for them. When one prays to G-d, it is, as the Rabbis put it, 'Like a man who talks into the ear of his friend.'

"At times we get discouraged and seem to think that G-d is angry, and does not answer our prayers. We have asked for money, for success for strength, and yet we have not been blessed with any of these things. G-d may show His kindness to us, in denying us some of things for which we prayed and longed. But just as the parent does not, and should not, fulfill every wish of the child, so does the Omniscient and the All-wise G-d, deny us for our own good, some of our petitions. The poet put it, 'Not what we wish, but what we need, Oh, let Thy grace supply. The good unasked, in mercy grant; the ill, tho asked, deny.'

Dear reader, it may be that you never say a word of prayer. You have lost the habit, or perhaps were never taught it. You are like a home, with a beautiful piano in the parlor, which is never played. You who do not pray, are like that piano. You do not give forth the fine, clear notes of the spirit, that lie mute and dormant in your souls.

I plead with you, dear friend to open up your prayer-book once again, and learn the art of prayer. You leave room in your daily program for food, for business, for the newspaper and for the television.

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## BAR MITZVAH



Sanford Mark Ward

Our heartiest congratulations to Director and Mrs. Jess Ward and to the grandma, Mrs. Isidor Freedman, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson, Sanford Mark, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

## CONDOLENCES

We sorrowfully record the passing of the following members of our Congregational Family and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their near and dear ones:

**Jonah and Jennie Bloch**—parents of Avia and Sarah Bloch

**David Becker**—brother of William F. Becker

**Ruth E. Brandt**—sister of Mrs. Belle Heyman and Harry Brandt

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**Rosalind Karasik**—daughter of Charles Karasik and sister of Richard

**Bessie Leader**—sister of our Director Jacob H. Silverstein

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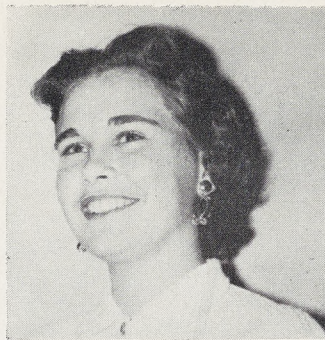
**Rebecca Sorkin**—mother of Marc Sorkin

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## MAZEL TOV



Mrs. Leisha Langer

Our heartiest congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Moses Langer upon the marriage of their son, Pvt. Leisha, to Cyrella Chavel, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Charles B. Chavel.

## ORTHODOX HEBREW H.S.

We are happy to announce the opening of the new Manhattan Orthodox Hebrew High School for Boys and Girls, graduates of Yeshivos and other qualified students.

The Course of Study will include Bible, Mishna, Gemora, Dinim, Hebrew Language and Literature.

For registration and further information apply at the School, 131 West 86th St. (Jewish Center Building). Telephone SC 4-2700.

The W.S.I.S. is among the local Synagogues sponsoring this School.

## The Prayer Book

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Won't you leave room, I beg of you, for G-d, through prayer.

"I will close with a few verses from a beloved colleague of mine, that G-d intoxicated man, the late Reverend Doctor H. Pereira Mendes, who has this to say on prayer, in his book entitled 'Derech-Ha-Chaim', 'The Way of Life':

G-d gives us much.

Should we not give him some time Let no day pass without one prayer.

Better one prayer than no prayer at all.

Prayer should be the key to the morning and the bolt at night."

G-d bless you, my dear reader, as I ask you to open the Siddur for more prayer, more communion, more divine guidance and more peace of mind.

Cordially yours,  
HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

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## W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 6:55  
(Those who follow our Synagogue Calendar and usher in the Sabbath at our Services, should light their Candles before our Evening Services.)

Weekly Portion — Kie Saytzay

## Perek I - II

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Friday Evening Service .....         | 6:30 |
| Saturday Morning Service .....       | 9:00 |
| Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....    | 5:30 |
| Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class ..... | 5:30 |
| Mincha .....                         | 6:30 |
| The Sabbath Terminates .....         | 7:45 |

## Daily Services:

|                                                                      |                  |
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| Sunday Morning .....                                                 | 6:45, 8:00, 9:00 |
| Daily Mornings .....                                                 | 6:45, 7:45, 8:30 |
| Mincha .....                                                         | 7:00             |
| Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein |                  |

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## GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Shalom! And our prayers that the summer vacation has so re-energized and uplifted our congregational family that the coming year will be another glorious one in its history . . . We are happy to welcome home from Israel and Europe, our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, our Men's Club President Abraham Eisenman, Isaac Gross, Henry Kraushar, Mr. Morton Rubenstein, Morris J. Sydney, Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Settler, and Dr. and Mrs. Michael Weingarten . . . To the following children of our members and friends who attained scholastic heights last June, our best wishes for a brilliant future: Sue Markovits received B.A. magna cum laude from Barnard College and appointed tutor in chemistry; Naomi Goldner, graduated from Joan of Arc J.H.S. and entering Bronx H.S. of Science; Arline Weinstein who graduated Ramaz H.S. and is entering New York University; Gregory Alexander, awarded the American Legion Gold Medal at P.S. 87 . . . The summer months produced the usual quota of romances — so we extend our heartiest mazel tov to Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro upon the engagement of their son, Pvt. Harvey, to Ruth, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein and granddaughter of Mr. Nathan Schupf; and to Director and Mrs. Moe Oltarsh upon the engagement of their daughter, Cherie Mai, to Edward B. Neger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Neger; and upon the marriages of the following: Ensign Alan Jay Hirsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch, to Lorrie Fuchs; to Maurice Gottlieb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Gottlieb, to Sheila Felcher; to Sheila Ullman, daughter of Director and Mrs. David H. Ullman, to S. Howard Goldman; Elbert Abramson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Abramson to Barbara M. Rotner; Korean veteran David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pinkus Wassedtheil to Sylvia Hafftk; Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwartz to Charlotte Jaffee; Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Insdorf to Peggy Richter; Dr. Leonard Deitz and Esther Weiner and Anita Maratek and Shimon Wincelberg who were married in our Synagogue . . . From distant Siam, we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerson who came to have the "aufruf" of their son Ally at the W.S.I.S. . . . We are joyous in the continued growth of our prospective membership list. Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. David Schwaid upon the birth of Steven, to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Schwaid; to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein, upon the birth of Laurel Judith, to their children Mr. and Mrs. David Durst; to Mr. and Mrs. David Gertz, upon the birth of Hadassah Eve; to our Director and Mrs. Sol Bellsey, the grand-

parents and to the parents, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Streim, upon the birth of Richard Isaac; to Mr. and Mrs. A. Max Hecht upon the birth of Shoshana . . . We congratulate our members, Marty Snyder and Warren Schnur, who are both running in the Republican primaries for the Congressional candidacy . . . Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Gross and Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Weiss in their new homes . . . Many happy returns of their natal days to: Mrs. Bertha Allen, Morris Aronoff, Mrs. Geraldine Arsham, Judith Bendheim, Irving Blatt, Mrs. George Bloom, Henry Braun, Jacob Caminez, Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, Marlene Dattlebaum, Benjamin Ehrenfeld, Mrs. Marilyn Rubenstein Gershbein, Rashi Glazer, Joel Jay Goldman, Samuel Greenman, Mrs. Herman B. Gross, Mrs. H. William Hirsch, Richard J. Karpi, Lawrence Kobrin, Noah Kobrin,

Harold Levine, Judith Levine, Bruce David Mann, Dr. Herman Mintz, Stephen Solarz, Janice Udell, Nancy Udell, Mrs. Ida Weinstein, Susia Weinstein, Alan J. Weiss, Daniel Weiss, Nancy Jo Weiss . . . Wedding anniversary greetings to: Mr. and Mrs. Selig Edelman, Dr. and Mrs. J. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Schraub, Mr. and Mrs. Max Stokar, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Trotzky, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Weiss, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Wiggs.

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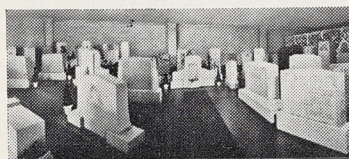
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