

SABBATH MORNING SERVICES — 8:45
PRAYERS FOR NEW MONTH,
AND SABBATH SHEKALIM

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Shabbat Shekalim

Tomorrow marks the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover holiday season. This day is known as Shabbat Shekalim and is observed every year on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar.

On each of these special Sabbaths there is a special Torah reading. The extra reading tomorrow refers to the half a shekel that every Israelite, of twenty years of age or over, rich or poor, gave as his equal share toward the support of the Temple. (Exodus 30:11-16)

In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, it was the custom to remind all, of their obligation to give the half shekel on the first day of Adar. Hence, we read this portion of the Law as near as possible to Rosh Chodesh Adar.

Another, more picturesque, reason given, is that we give these "shekalim" to offset, as it were, the money offered by Haman for his offer, to destroy the Jews for all time.

ROSH CHODESH ADAR

This Tuesday and Wednesday mark the first days of the month of Adar. In general, the month of Adar is considered a happy one for
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MEN'S CLUB

REGULAR MEETING THIS MONDAY NIGHT

The next regular meeting of our Men's Club will be held this Monday evening, February 21. All the men of the congregation are cordially invited to attend, Mr. Abraham Eisenman, President of the Club declared.

The meeting, which will begin at 8:30 in the Synagogue House, will consist of a business meeting and a social program.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM Wednesday and Thursday eves.

April 6 and 7

Hotel Esplanade

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SYNAGOGUE OFFICE NOW

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPEN MEETING THIS MONDAY

All the women of our Synagogue Family and their friends are cordially invited to an Open Meeting of the Women's League, to be held on Monday, February 21st at 12:30 P.M. in the Synagogue building. An intimate and relaxing program "Let's Just Talk", has been planned.

Coffee and cake will be served at 12 noon. Please come!

FOR OUR YOUTH

BAS MITZVAH GROUP

Girls over 12 who wish to participate in our Bas Mitzvah program on Saturday afternoon, May 7th, are invited to attend the first meeting of the Group this Saturday, February 19th, at 3 o'clock in Rabbi Reichel's office.

OUR POST BAR MITZVAHS

Boys and girls over 13 are invited to join our Post Bar Mitzvah Club that meets on Monday evenings. Following a class with Rabbi Goldstein at 7:30, they meet in the Game Room for a very enjoyable evening. Why not join the fun this Monday night.

YOUTH SABBATH

Any of our young men who are interested in participating in the forthcoming Youth Sabbath on March 26 are urged to contact Rabbi Reichel as soon as possible.

CANTOR ZALMON YAVNEH ANNUAL CONCERT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

We are happy to remind our readers that the annual Maariv Service and Concert of our Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will be held in our Synagogue on Sunday evening, February 27.

These annual affairs have always provided a rare musical treat consisting of Jewish and liturgical music. Our Cantor is a gifted artist but often the exigencies of the service do not give him an opportunity to display the full range of his capabilities.

The concert, at which Cantor Yavneh will be assisted by a renowned choir, provides us all with a chance to hear a full and varied musical program. We should all take advantage of this opportunity.

Those of our readers who have not already received their tickets and are interested in attending, are urged to contact the Synagogue Office at once.

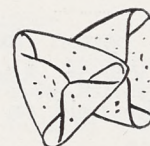
ANY LIBRARIANS AMONG OUR READERS

Our Talmud Torah Library could use volunteer Librarians. If any of our readers have an afternoon or Sunday morning to spare, please call the Talmud Torah office.

BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE

Saturday night, March 5

Gala W.S.I.S. PURIM Party



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WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNOUNCEMENT

February 28th

Just a reminder. Have you marked this date, February 28th on your calendar? Our Women's League is counting on the support of each and every member to make their Children's Village Luncheon and Afternoon of Games an overwhelming success. Is your reservation in? If not, please use blank below immediately.

Enclosed please find check for

@ \$2. per person, for W.S.I.S. Children's Village Afternoon of Games to be held on February 28 at 12 noon.

Name

Address

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Morning Blessings

"WHO MADE ME ACCORDING TO HIS WILL"

Our women, G-d bless them courage and moral purity. Our Sages declared that

בזכות נשים צדקניות נגאלו ישראל

"WHO OPENEST THE EYES OF THE BLIND"

When we sleep, we cannot see, thus we express our gratitude for the return of our eyesight.

"CLOTHE THE NAKED"

We thank G-d for our clothing.

"LOOSEST THEM THAT ARE BOUND"

For in sleep we are practically motionless, as if we were bound.

"RAISEST THEM"

We are thankful for being able to get on our feet.

"SPREADETH THE EARTH ABOVE THE WATERS"

That we are on "terra firma" as we read in Psalm 136:6 "To Him that spreadeth forth the earth above the waters; for His loving-kindness endureth forever."

"WHO HAS MADE FIRM THE STEPS OF MAN"

This is in being able to move about. Religiously speaking if we follow the Torah, our steps will be firm, as we read in Psalm 37:23 "From the Lord are the steps of man ordered."

"WHO HAST SUPPLIED ME EVERY WANT"

We thus indicate our contentment with our lot. See also Deuteronomy 29:4 "And I have led you 40 years in the wilderness, your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot". We read in Psalm 29:11, "The

Lord giveth strength to His people." This strength the Rabbis say refers to the Torah. Therefore we thank G-d for the strength to overcome evil. "Who is strong, he who has self-control."

"WHO GIRDEST ISRAEL WITH MIGHT"

"When we utter this benediction we kiss the Tefilin which is on our arm. This is done prior to the next benediction when we kiss the Tefilin on our head. Judaism places priority to action as over against doctrine. Mere doctrine without concrete action, is liable to remain only in the realm of the abstract. There are many such creeds, yes, even within

Judaism. There is the non-orthodox, who preach spiritually but fail to concretize this abstract spirituality into the "Do's and Don't's", the positive and negative commandments of the Torah, the Jewish way of life. Judaism, or orthodox Judaism is strong, vibrant and life-giving, because its doctrines are expressed in actions.

"WHO CROWNEST ISRAEL WITH GLORY"

We read in Isaiah 46:13 "And I will give to Israel My glory." When we pronounce this benediction, we kiss the Tefilin on the head. This is to indicate that our religion is acceptable to the intellect, as well as to the emotions. Let us remember the words of Deuteronomy, Chapter 4, Verse 6, "Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding before the eyes of the nations, that shall hear all these statutes, and they will say,

"Nothing but a wise and understanding people is this great nation." Among the comments upon this verse, the author in his "Bible Comments for Home Reading" has this to say, — "Israel, by faithfully following the behests of the Torah, whose ordinances have proven to be health-giving, disease-banishing, life-prolonging and spiritually exalting, (Israel) receives general acclaim as 'a wise and understanding people.'"



W.S.I.S. COLLEGIATES GALA WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SOCIAL

WHEN — Monday eve., Feb. 21st

WHERE — W.S.I.S. Social Hall

WHAT TIME — 8:30 P.M.

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Informal

Refreshments

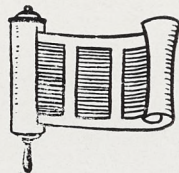
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A MESSAGE TO PARENTS RE: SUMMER CAMPS

I cannot urge you too strongly to send your children to a summer camp where Judaism is being practiced. From a long range point of view, a summer camp leaves a lasting impression upon the child — and an abiding love and respect for Judaism should be included in that youthful impression. Irreparable harm is done spiritually, especially to the youngsters from traditional homes, who are sent to non-kosher and non-religious camps. I shall be glad to recommend kosher camps which have very high standards. Arrangements are also being made with the cooperation of our Men's Club, to enroll some of our pupils in summer camps at a very nominal rate, as well as gratis, if parents do not have the financial means to send them to private camps. All who are interested in this service are urged to contact me at once.

RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL
Principal

ROSH CHODESH ADAR



the Jewish people. Thus, the Rabbis say, "Beginning with the month of Adar, one should increase his joyousness, and he who has some important undertaking let him begin it in Adar." Naturally, much of this is connected with the holiday of Purim which falls in the month of Adar.

Please Note!

A modern Ritualarium is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St. MO 3-0300.

YOUNG ISRAEL DINNER TO HONOR GUSTAV STERN

Our readers may be interested in the announcement of the National Council of Young Israel that their 43rd Anniversary Banquet will honor Mr. Gustav Stern, a prominent member of the New York West Side Jewish community.

The dinner will take place in the Waldorf Astoria on Sunday, March 27. Tickets may be obtained by writing to Young Israel, 3 West 16th Street, or calling WA 9-1525. There will be no appeal for funds.

IN MAKING A WILL

What institution is more worthy of support than the Synagogue which has always been the very heart and soul of Jewish life and is the symbol of Jewish dignity and values to the world?

What more noble and valuable bequest can one make than to remember the institution that has inspired so many people, young and old, to live better lives?

Please remember that a bequest to our worthy Synagogue is one of the ways in which the future stability of our Institution will be assured.

If you want to make a provision for the W.S.I.S. in your last Will and Testament, make sure that you use the following wording:

"I give and bequeath to the West Side Institutional Synagogue 120-138 West 76th St., N.Y.C., a domestic religious corporation, the sum of \$....."

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Marvin Padawer, Commander of our J.W.V. Post on the loss of his brother **Saul Padawer.**

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Samuel H. Galston, upon the passing of his mother **Anna Gross.**

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Light Candles Friday Evening up to 5:14

Weekly Portion — Mishpatim —

(Parshas Shekolim)

Exodus 21:1-24:18 30:11-16 —

2 Kings 12:1-17

Friday Evening Service5:25

Rosh Chodesh (Adar) Benchen

Saturday Morning Service8:45

Junior Congregations10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children

4 to 610:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls

from 9 to 12 years)3:00

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class3:50

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:50

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:50

Mincha4:50

Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward

Reader of Service: Herschel Gold

The Sabbath Terminates6:05

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning6:45, 8:00, 9:00

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha5:25

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

We were as proud and happy as our good member Irving Silver was, on having among our worshippers at last Sabbath morning Services his distinguished brother, Edward Silver, District Attorney of Kings County and former President of the National Young Israel . . . Other distinguished visitors were City Council President Abe Stark, Supreme Court Justice Maximilian Moss, former Supreme Court Justice Meyer Steinbrink, Special Sessions Judge Myles Paige, City Court Judges A. David Benjamin and Rocca A. Purella; and Hon. Aaron Jacoby . . . Our Congregational Citation of Merit to our member Robert Hofbauer upon his reelection as President of Congregation Knesseth Israel in the Bronx. Further welding the ties between that Congregation and ours was an address by Simeon H. F. Goldstein, son of our beloved Rabbi, installing Mr. Hofbauer as President . . . A hearty welcome home from the Armed Services in Korea to Herbert Klagsbrun . . . Truly the sun never sets on the far flung domains of W.S.I.S.: Mrs. Emanuel Fine is visiting her daughter and son-in-law in Tokyo . . . Visiting their children on the West Coast are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tilem . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. William Foont, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah last week of Lloyd Joseph Shulman . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Ruth Goldstein . . . Welcome home from Florida to our Director and Mrs. Edward Jacobs . . . Happy cruising to Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch, the grandparents, and to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lukashok, the parents, upon the Bar Mitzvah of Edward Lukashok; to our former Hebrew School teacher Anna Fuss upon her marriage to Manfred Mayerfeld; and to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spiro upon the birth of Pearl Judy to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stern . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Judge and Mrs. David N. Edelstein, Mr.

and Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. David Horowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Morton Langer . . . Many happy returns of their **natal days** to Mrs. Harry Altman, Mrs. Lew Benjamin, Benjamin Bernstein, Bernard B. Brandt, Mrs. George Barr, Sigg Eisenberg, Alexander M. Golden, Abe Goldman, Rand Gottlieb, George Linker, Mark Daniel Plung, Jo-Ann Sedwitz, Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, Mrs. Bernard Udell, Madelyn Ukeles, Hon. Albert Wald, Mrs. Eddie Weinstein and Wendy Karen Weiss.

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The Synagogue is a place where those who believe in G-d, gather to pray and to seek strength and courage from their faith. No Jew in these times should be without Synagogal affiliation. We are living in an age when all of us are in need of spiritual vigor and comfort which the Synagogue alone can offer. Let us follow the sound teaching of Hillel and not separate ourselves from the Congregation.

Our membership dues are nominal, only ten dollars.

YOU MUST ACT!

Write today to the Secretary of State and your congressman telling them that you are opposed to any plan which will upset the sequence of days in the week.

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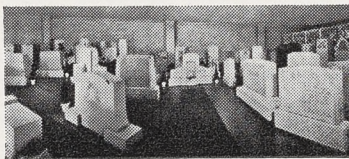
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