

**PURIM MONDAY NIGHT
MEGILLAH READING AT 6:15
BRING THE CHILDREN**

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PURIM NOTES

The Sabbath immediately preceding Purim is known as Shabbos Zachor — the Sabbath of Remembrance. A special portion of the Torah is read (Deuteronomy 25: 17-19) describing the cowardly attack of the Amalekites against the Israelites in the desert. Haman, according to Jewish tradition, was a descendant of these same Amalekites the arch enemies of the Jews and their Torah. Consequently, we read this portion before Purim.

Fast of Esther

The eve of Purim is observed as a minor fast day, the Fast of Esther. It is the very day that Haman had chosen by lot, 'pur', to exterminate the Jewish people in the kingdom.

Historically the days mentioned in the Megillah which Esther bid Mordecai observe as a fast fall a month later in the month of Nissan. Legend tells us that when Mordecai was asked by Esther to declare a fast for the 13th, 14th and 15th days of Nissan, he replied that how could the Jews fast on the holiday of Passover. To this Esther replied, "If there is no Israel, there can be no Passover."

Purim

Both on the eve of Purim and the next morning, the Megillah is read
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GALA PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT TO MARK SYNAGOGUE PURIM CELEBRATION *Women's League, Men's Club Sponsor Affair*



**Purim Party Co-chairmen: Mrs. Sol Bellsey (left)
and Mr. Myron Friedlander.**

Under the capable direction of the party committee, elaborate plans are under way for an enjoyable holiday evening, Saturday, March 5th, in our Synagogue Building. All members and friends of both the sponsoring groups will find it a most pleasant party in the Purim Spirit.

A joint Women's League and Men's Club committee arranging the

COLLEGIATE NOTES

Our Collegiates are invited to a Friday evening Get-Together at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel tonight, March 4th at 8:45 P.M.

The Young Israelites are sponsoring a Purim Carnival at the W.S.I.S. this Sunday night.

party has been chaired by Mrs. Sadie Lippman and Mr. Isidor Lauer. Mrs. Sol Bellsey and Mr. Myron Friedlander are acting as co-chairmen for the party.

Included in the committee's arrangements are games of all sorts, valuable prizes and a novel Purim late supper in addition to other exciting features.

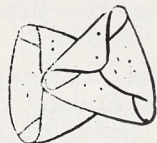
Tickets are \$2 per person and the Committee would appreciate your early reservation. Telephone the Synagogue Office immediately.

SEDER RESERVATIONS

Our Rabbis have said that one should begin the preparations for the Passover holiday thirty days before the holiday. Thus, with advent of Purim, there is really but little time to complete our preparations.

May we urge, therefore, that those of our readers who are interested in attending the Congregational Sedorim this year contact the Synagogue Office at once.

The Sedorim will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 6 and 7 at the Hotel Esplanade, 74th Street and West End Avenue. The charge is the same as last year: \$10 per person per Seder, including all gratuities.



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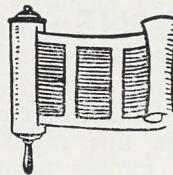
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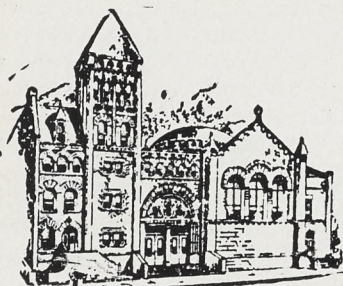
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WELCOME TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATION'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the Kiddush of our Senior and Junior Congregations this Saturday morning, all the youthful congregants will sing "Happy Birthday" to their school-mates who celebrate their natal days during the months of February and March. We also add our good wishes to: Ronald Bernard, Irving Abel, Gerald Bergtrom, Kenneth Cohen, Ronnie Cohen, Michael Fruchtmann, Robert Gersony, Ilene Goldsmith, Myra Gribetz, Tina Hitter, Eva Kertesz, Robert Leibowitz, Michael Levinsky, Janine Lourie, Neil Lowenthal, Jack Lubiner, Harold Meyer, Judy Milstein, David Padawer, Sandy Padrick, Joyce Pincus, Francine Pretner, Michael E. Rosenberg, Doreen Sachs, David Shapiro, and Michael D. Steinlauf.

Junior Congregation Services begin at 10:30 o'clock. Presents will be distributed to the celebrants, with the good wishes of our P.T.A. Our Rabbi will bless the children at the close of our Service.

We hope to greet all the celebrants and their parents.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Morning Blessings

"AND LET US OBTAIN THIS DAY . . . GRACE, FAVOR AND MERCY IN THINE EYES AND IN THE EYES OF ALL THAT BEHOLD US."

We ask for grace, favor, and mercy for these are part of G-d's kindnesses to us. We cannot please on the score of merit; for who is so righteous that he can base his petition upon merit. Moses, himself (see Deuteronomy, Chapter 3, verse 23) when he made his plea to enter the Holy Land, did not base it upon his merits. We read in Psalm 130, verse 3, "O L-rd, if thou markest sins who can stand before thee." Not only from G-d do we seek this blessing,

"AND BESTOW LOVING KINDNESS UPON US" (KINDNESSES THAT ARE GOOD).

We pray not merely for kindness, but for kindness that is for our good. We may receive a kindness, which may be harmful to us. Wealth, may bring on destruction. — riotous living, profligate children, or as we read in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 5, verse 12, "Riches reserved for their

but we pray for same in our relationship with our fellow man. Should we rely upon justice, we would always need to call in a third party to judge. **Therefore, it is good-will, which makes for the best public relations.** This thought is found in our prayer after meals (paraphrasing Proverbs, Chapter 3, verse 4) — "May we find grace and good understanding in the eyes of G-d and man."

owner to his own hurt." Only for such kindnesses that will in the end uplift us, do we pray to the exclusion of those whose ultimate good is doubtful. So, also, did King David pray: "Deal bountifully with thy servant."

"MAY IT BE THY WILL . . . TO DELIVER ME THIS DAY AND EVERY DAY FROM ARROGANT MEN."

Why do we pray today for tomorrow, when tomorrow we are obliged to utter the same prayer "deliver me this day and every day?" The answer is that the arrogant rise early, to perform their

wickedness, as we read in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 22, verse 21, "And Bilaam rose up early in the morning." Thus they may precede our morning prayer.

MEMO: TO OUR PARENTS FROM: OUR PRINCIPAL

Monday evening, March 7th is Purim. I hope to see all our pupils accompanied by their parents at the Purim Services and at the reading of the Megillah (The Book of Esther).

We are excusing all our pupils from classes Monday afternoon at 4:50 P.M., so that they will be able to join the Purim Evening Services at 6:15 P.M. I cannot tell you how valuable this religious experience will be for our youngsters as well as their parents.

Besides, every youngster present will receive a bag of Purim sweets, with the compliments of our Wom-

en's League and a genuine greger as a gift from Barton's Bonbonniere.

The Megillah is likewise publicly read on Tuesday morning, March 8th. Our pupils who will attend, will receive an excuse note from me for their teachers if needed.

Our Purim Carnival and Masquerade will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 6th, beginning at 2 o'clock. We hope you will bring your family and friends for an entertaining and enjoyable afternoon together.

A Merry Purim!

ANNOUNCING A Friday Night Forum and Oneg Shabbat on March 18th

Co-Sponsored by our
Women's League, Men's Club and Mr. and Mrs. League
Watch for further details

MAZEL TOV



Ruth Ukeles

Mazel Tov to our members Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ukeles upon the engagement of their daughter Ruth to Jason Jacobowitz, son of our members Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz, and grandson of Mrs. Rose Jacobowitz.

Ruth graduated from Brooklyn College with a B.S. degree in Biology. At the present time she is doing medical research at the Sloan-Kettering Institute.

Jason is a graduate of Yeshiva College and is now studying for his "Smicha" (Rabbinical Ordination) and M.H.L. degree at Yeshiva University. He is also serving as Assistant Director of the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University.

Both Ruth and Jason have grown up within the walls of our Synagogue and have been very active members in our Social Department. They are both serving on our Educational Staff.

Their parents invite the entire Congregation to a Kiddush this Saturday after the morning Services, in honor of this happy occasion.

Purim Notes

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in the Synagogue. It is obligatory upon men, women, and children to listen to the reading of the Megillah, since they all shared in the deliverance.

It is customary to give the equivalent of three half-shekels for charity, before the reading of the Megillah.

Purim Prayers

The prayer "al hanisim" is said during the Purim Prayers. Hallel, the usual psalms of thanksgiving, are not recited, however. Various reasons have been assigned to this: the Megillah itself serves as a substitute for the Hallel, commemorating our deliverance; the miracle occurred outside of Palestine; the miracle came about through natural and human forces rather than supernatural.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 5:30
Weekly Portion — "Tsav"
Exodus 27:20-30:10
Deuteronomy 25:17-19
I Samuel 15:2-34

Friday Evening Service 5:45
Saturday Morning Service 8:45
Junior Congregations 10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten
for Children 4 to 6 10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls
from 9 to 12 years) 3:00

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class 4:05

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 4:05

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:05

Mincha 5:05

Reader of Torah: Shelly Schneider

Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath Terminates 6:20

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning 7:15, 8:00, 9:00

Monday Morning

Fast of Esther 6:15, 7:20, 8:30

Selichos 6:15 and about 8:05

Monday Mincha 5:30

followed by Maariv at about 6:00 P.M.

and the reading of the Megillah

Tuesday Purim Morning 6:15, 7:15

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha 5:45

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We are genuinely happy to see and have back with us again at our last Sabbath morning Services our beloved Rebbetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, after her long illness. It is our fervent prayer that her health will continue to be such that we shall be able to see her at Services every Sabbath morning from now on as in the past . . . We welcomed at our last Sabbath morning Services Mrs. Edward Jacobs from Cincinnati and Morty Cohen who has returned from Detroit . . . While duty called him, we, nevertheless, were sorry to have our Director Henry Blankfort leave us to go back to his home in California . . . Our Welcome mat was spread out for our Director Abraham Druckman on his return from Florida . . . We pray that Mr. Fred Goldstein will soon be on the road to recovery . . . Good to hear that Mrs. Isidore Sterkin is recuperating from her recent illness . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz in honor of the **engagement** of their son Jason to Ruth Ukeles . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our Women's League Executive Board member, Mrs. Bertha Warschauer upon the **engagement** of her son Emanuel S. Warschauer, President of Freedom Lodge B'nai B'rith, to Juliet Brooks . . . Upon reaching another happy and fruitful milestone in each of their wedded lives, our heartiest congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Director and Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Levy and Director and Mrs. Jacob H. Silverstein . . . Many happy returns of their **natal days** to Mrs. Emanuel Buchalter, Mrs. Jules S. Cohen, Mrs. Selig Edelman, Charles Fiedler, Norman Kamerman, Herman Kaminsky, Howard Kaplan, Joyce Reisman, and James L. Wohl.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Annie Joseph, upon the passing of her brother, **Nathan Gerler**, and to our member Mrs. Elda Rapaport upon the loss of her husband **Joseph**.

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE

(Young Married Couples)

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 13th, 8:00 P.M.
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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Trip to Israel Prize Contest

Pupils of our Hebrew School and our Post Bar Mitzvah Class are eligible to enter the nation-wide Passover "Creative Writing Contest" sponsored annually by Barton's Bonbonniere. The first prize is a trip to Israel for two.

Further information and an entry blank may be had in the School Office.

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- (1) While the Chazan is repeating the Amidah one may speak freely to his neighbor.
Yes No
 - (2) It is proper to bring your pocket-book, newspapers, packages, etc. on the Sabbath to the Synagogue.
Yes No
 - (3) On rainy Sabbath days one should wear a raincoat and rain hat as a substitute for an umbrella.
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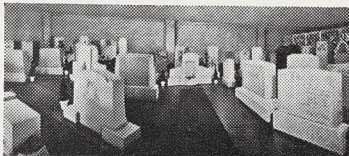
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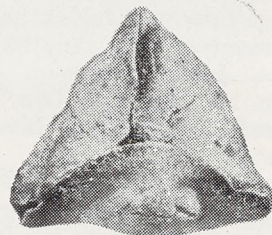
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