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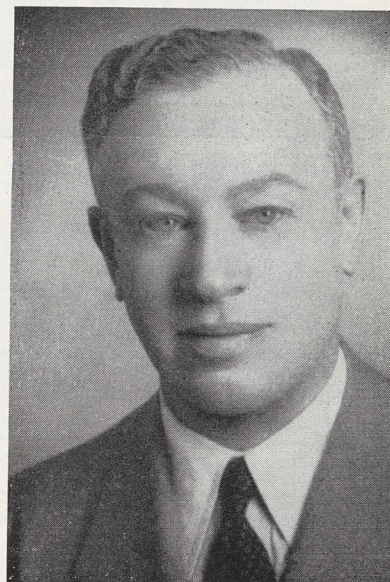
HERMAN H. COHEN NAMED GUEST OF HONOR FOR CONGREGATION'S UJA DINNER JACOB KAPLAN, CHAIRMAN OF APRIL 27th DINNER

This year our Congregation's Annual UJA Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, April 27, 1955. Selected as the Guest of Honor of this year's Dinner is our devoted director, Herman H. Cohen.

Mr. Cohen has devoted himself wholeheartedly to our congregation's activities, as well as to the UJA Campaign.

All of us realize the importance of the UJA efforts on behalf of the Jewish communities all over the world. This is especially so now when our brethren in Israel and in the Arab countries of the Middle East are so in need of our assistance.

Please telephone the Synagogue office and make your reservation for the Dinner to be held on April 27th at the Hotel Esplanade, 74th Street and West End Avenue.



Herman H. Cohen

"Mass Celebration" Is Souvenir Album's Aim; Will Mark Synagogue's 18th Birthday

In the past, it has been the Synagogue's custom to honor one of its members as the recipient of the Souvenir Album. This year, however, we are going to honor the entire congregational family, on its 18th "chai" birthday. We aim not only at honoring a few, but rather a mass celebration for all our members and friends.

This year's Souvenir Album, therefore, will serve as a permanent record of the names of those who number themselves among the congregational family on its birthday. They will so be counted by inserting their greetings in the Souvenir Album.

When the co-chairmen contact you, therefore, respond as promptly and as generously as you can.

MEN'S CLUB

REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 18

The next regular meeting of our Men's Club will be held on Monday evening, April 18, Mr. Abraham Eisenman, President of the Club, has announced. All the men of the congregation are invited to attend the meeting which is composed of a social and a business program.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 8:15 in the Synagogue building.

HOLIDAY NOTES

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 Se-**

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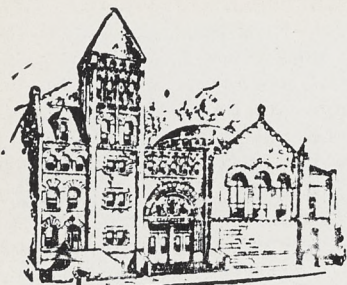
Dinner at 7

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PLEASE NOTE

This **Review** contains the Sabbath schedule for April 16th. Please save it for future reference.



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WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel to be Hostess

On Monday afternoon, April 18th, at 12:00 o'clock, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel will entertain the entire Executive Board of our Women's League at a Luncheon in the Synagogue building.

An important meeting of the Board will follow the Luncheon and all Board members are urgently requested to attend promptly.

RABBI AND MRS. REICHEL TO BE HOSTS TO COLLEGIATES

Our young folks of college age are invited to a Friday evening gathering at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel, Friday night, April 15th at 9 o'clock.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Regular classes in our Hebrew School will be resumed Saturday afternoon, April 16th at 2 o'clock, and Sunday morning April 17th.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Sacrificial Portions

This whole Psalm is also an expression of Thanksgiving on the part of King David, that persecution did not have its intended affect upon him. In his vagabondry, he did not lose his character. This, too, is symbolic of Israel. If 2000 years, we had been a nation, like other nations with its own Government, its own land and language, but, like other small countries on the shores of the Mediterranean, without the Torah, we should have been completely obliterated by this time, just like the Samerians, the Assyrians, the Phoenicians, the Parthians, etc.

During the 700 years of Ghetto Life in Europe, although we were herded into living quarters estimated at 7 to 10 persons in one room, beaten at every toll gate, driven from every highway, without the protection of the law of the land, nevertheless even under such con-

ditions we did not degenerate into gypsies. We did not become stunted in mind, morals and body. On the contrary, during these Dark Ages, we remained free of venereal diseases, which ravaged the general populace, because our family life was pure, thanks to the laws of Family Purity. So the Torah kept us alive during these long and bitter years of persecution — alive in body, wholesome in mind and unbroken in spirit. It gave us morals because it safeguarded our morals.

Even today although in detention camps, we are princes in captivity. True Israel has lost numerically, but morally, has won a moral victory over its enemies. We have to be thankful to G-d for giving us His Torah, which has given us the fortitude, courage and super-natural endurance to hold out to the last, in this battle-royal.

"WEEPING MAY TARRY FOR THE NIGHT BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING"

The experience from past troubles and deliverances give us the firm

conviction that the present ill, is but temporary.

"THOU HAST LOOSED MY SACKCLOTH AND GIRDED ME WITH GLADNESS"

The sackcloth refers to such forced additions to our clothing as the "yellow-patch" or "badge", which our enemies from time to time have forced upon us. G-d, through His intervention in history, causes them to be removed. This girds us with hope and gladness at the prospect of seeing the Divine light piercing, through the darkness of "Kultur."

It is, however, obvious that these earlier pages are rather in the na-

ture of private devotion than of public worship. We know that it was habitual with the pious to reach the Synagogue an hour before public worship began, (Berachoth 31b) and to use this time in preliminary devotions, and in reciting Psalms called פסוקי דזמרה Passages of Song: applied particularly to the last chapters of the Psalter, See Talmud, Sabbath 118 b).

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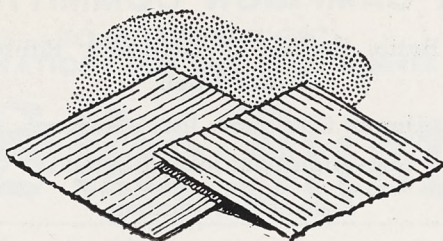
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Holiday Notes (Cont'd)

firath 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, only without the blessing.

The counting of the Omer continues for the seven weeks until the holiday of Shavuot. 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 Shavuot 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.

Last Days Yom Tov

The Passover holiday ends with two additional days of Yom Tov.

The reading for the Torah consists of the portion in Exodus concerning the deliverance on the Red Sea. Traditionally, this event took place on the seventh of Passover. On the eighth and final day, the portion of the Torah from the Book of Deuteronomy is read dealing with the Passover holiday and the counting of the Omer.

On the last day, too, we say the Yizkor prayers in memory of departed members of our families. Yizkor will be read in the Synagogue Thursday morning, April 14th.

After the Holiday

We are not permitted to benefit in any way from any forbidden chametz which remained in the possession of a Jew during the Passover holiday. This, which is known as 'chametz she-avar alav ha-Pesach,'

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

PASSOVER SCHEDULE

Tuesday Evening (Yom Tov)

Light candles before 6:14
Evening Service 6:00

Wednesday — Passover VII

Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregations 10:30
Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6 10:30
Mincha and Evening Service 6:15

Thursday — Passover VIII

Morning Service 8:30
Junior Congregations 10:30
Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6 10:30
Rabbi Reichel's Mishnah Class 5:15
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 5:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 5:15
Mincha and Evening Service 6:15
Holiday Terminates 7:03

Friday Services

Morning Services 6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Light Candles up to 6:17
Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Services

Weekly Portion — Shmini
Leviticus 9:1-11:47; Samuel 6:1-23, 7:1-17
Rosh Chodesh Benshen
Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregations 10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children
4 to 6 10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls from
9 to 12 years) 3:30
Rabbi Reichel's Mishnah Class 4:45
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 4:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:45
Mincha 5:45
Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz
Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg
The Sabbath Terminates 7:05

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning 7:15, 8:00, 9:00
Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha 6:30
Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

is strictly forbidden. Therefore, it is important that we take care that all baked goods from Jewish stores which were prepared for sale on the last day of Passover should not be bought. Only bread or baked goods prepared completely **after** the Passover holiday are permitted.

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YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH SABBATH

By popular request, we will have another Youth Sabbath on May 21st. The young men of our Congregational Family will again conduct the Synagogue Services, and the young ladies will be the hostesses at a Kiddush.

Those of our readers of the younger set who wish to participate as recipients of "Mitzvos", ushers, or readers of a portion of the Torah, hostesses, are cordially urged to return the coupon below at once.

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By Sanford Solarz

Our Congregational Citation of merit to our Director Irving Streit, upon the occasion of the dinner to be tendered in his honor by the Beth Jacob of the East Side . . . Our welcome mat was spread out long and in many directions for the return back to us from Florida of Director and Mrs. Jacob Silverstein, Director Philip Wohl, Mrs. Annie Dworkin and her son Ben; from Mexico Mr. Max Horowitz; and from Israel Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spiro . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seudah Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Samuel Schwarzman . . . Our P.T.A. were the hosts to our Hebrew School pupils at the Model Seder Assembly . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Breen upon the birth of a son Gordon Aaron; and to Mr. Isidore Ratzersdorfer upon the birth of a son, Harold, to his children Dr. and Mrs. Richard Masters. Our best wishes to Theodore Redlich, son of Director and Mrs. Sol Redlich, who is leaving for Germany with the armed forces . . .

... **Wedding anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Brandes, Mr. and Mrs. Max Dabek, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Reich, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ukeles, Director and Mrs. Jess Ward . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Daniel Arch, Saul J. Beck, Steven Joseph Charney, Lenore E. Druckman, Jeanne Ellen Finkelstein, Mrs. Philip Gertner, Marcia Goldberg, Daniel Gribetz, Stanley R. Kaplan, Lisa Anne Liebergall, Director George L. Livingston, Norman Ostrove, Mrs. Max E. Sanders, Benjamin Shapiro, Stephen Howard Shlansky, Michele Siegel, Elliot Wohl, and Emanuel Yavneh.

Candolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Joe Brand, Mrs. Elizabeth Wechsler and Mr. Henry Kass, upon the loss of their brother, **Dave Kass**.

Our heartfelt sympathy to our members Messrs. David and Arkadi Pick, upon the loss of their sister, **Eugenia Pick**.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Max Zimmer, upon the passing of his father, **Mendel David Zimmer**.

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