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JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO MEET WEDNESDAY NIGHT

All Invited To Support Activities

The many important activities in which the Buddy Friedman Post #297 of the Jewish War Veterans are engaged and can do were emphasized by Commander Marvin Padawer in urging all veterans of the congregation to attend the Post's meetings.

The next meeting of the Post will be held in our Synagogue building on this **Wednesday evening, May 11, at 8:30 P.M.**

The Post's activities include

Bringing comfort and encouragement to amputees, paraplegics, confined — many for life — to veteran's hospitals

Helping eliminate bigotry and race hatred from our community

Helping teach school children just why America is worth defending against totalitarianism.

All are invited and urged to "bring a friend, meet a friend, and be a friend."

Souvenir Album Must Go To Press In Little Over One Month

W.S.I.S. FRIENDS URGED TO GET ADS NOW!

Only a little over a month remains to send the "Chai" Souvenir Album to the printers so that it may be ready for our reception on Tuesday, June 21.

This month can be too short a time, indeed, if the task of gathering ads and greetings for the Album falls on the shoulders of a few. It is more than ample if **all** the members and friends of our congregational family will cooperate.



LAG B'OMER

This Tuesday marks the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer. There are several events historically connected with this day and for that reason, certain special customs have grown up about the day.

Many sad events have taken place in Jewish history during the period between Passover and the Feast of Weeks, known as the Omer. For that reason, this period is observed as a period of semi-mourning with all public festivities forbidden.

On the thirty-third day of the

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The Album this year will honor not only one outstanding member of our congregation, but perhaps the outstanding feature of our congregation, all the members and friends that it possesses. By placing an ad, you will do honor to **your** synagogue and yourself. **Your** synagogue will be enabled to continue its valuable work. We expect to make a permanent record of your support, through the Album.

The task is that of every member of the congregational family: let none shirk his duty!

WOMEN'S BRANCH SABBATH

The Saturday preceding Mother's Day is Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America Sabbath Day, over the entire country.

In honor of this occasion Mayor Wagner has signed an official proclamation designating May 7th as Women's Branch Sabbath.

All the members of our Women's League are particularly urged to attend Services this Saturday morning.

DON'T FORGET

Our Men's Club Baseball Party will take place on Sunday, June 12, at the Polo Grounds. Reserve your tickets **now** by contacting the Synagogue Office or Mr. William Foont, chairman.

OUR SPRING LUNCHEON



Mrs. Eddie Schreiber
Co-Chairmen, Closing Luncheon

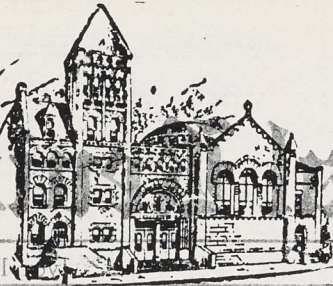


Mrs. Toni Iger

It is no secret that the women of the W.S.I.S. have the highest regard and devotion for our President Bea Weingarten.

How about showing it — by greeting Bea personally at the luncheon given in her honor May 23rd at the Franconia Hotel, 12 noon.

A telephone call will encourage your chairman and insure your reservation. Please do it now.



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Lag B'Omer

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counting of the Omer, equivalent in Hebrew to the Hebrew letters, lag, several significant events occurred.

Origins of the celebration

Bar Kochba defeated the Romans on that day in his unsuccessful revolt, (132-35 C.E.)

During that same period, a plague broke out which raged among the disciples of Rabbi Akiva. Many thousands are said to have perished until the plague ceased on the 33rd day of the Omer.

The students then returned to Rabbi Akiva to resume their studies, which had been prohibited during the plague. This day is therefore known as the "Scholars' Festival" and is a memorial not to depart from the teaching of the Torah.

The 33rd day of the Omer is also celebrated as the birthday and Yahrzeit of Rabbi Simeon ben Yochai, to whom tradition ascribes the authorship of the Cabbalistic book "Zohar". In Israel, many thousands make the pilgrimage to his grave to pray on this day.

"AND WITH THE PSALMS OF DAVID THY SERVANT ... WE WILL LAUD THEE"

Our prayers are made almost entirely of Psalms, of the words of the Prophets, and of Holy Writ, — of Inspiration and Revelation. It ill becomes some of our brethren, to substitute their own mediocre compositions, for the classic, and revealed portions of the Siddur. The Talmu-

dic parable levelled against one who composed praises of his own, may be in place here. A King who owns millions of gold coins, is estimated with a small amount of silver coins, is he not insulted both as to quantity and quality?

"O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE L-RD CALL UPON HIS NAME"

(See 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 and Psalms 105:1-15, 96:2-13 and 106:47-48)

Since the time the Ark was placed in the house of Abed-Edom (2 Samuel 6) until the erection of the Temple by Solomon, these verses were sung daily (Seder Olam).

"CALL UPON HIS NAME; MAKE KNOWN HIS DOINGS AMONG THE PEOPLES"

His Name refers to his many attributes. "His doings among the peoples" refers to the G-d of history. Man WRITES history, — and writes it poorly. G-d RIGHTS history, — in that He makes right, — might.

"GLORY YE IN HIS HOLY NAME; LET THE HEART OF THEM REJOICE THAT SEEK THE L-RD"

It is our experience in history, that those who go forth and trust in His Holy Name, (namely, that for which it stands), the emergence of the RIGHT have never been disap-

pointed. We may rejoice in our prayers, even before their fulfillment, for we know from experience that Deliverance will be forthcoming.

"SEARCH YE FOR THE L-RD AND HIS STRENGTH"

Strength usually refers to the Torah. The L-rd giveth strength to His people. The Torah infuses us with a spiritual strength, which is invincible.

"SEEK YE HIS FACE EVER MORE"

We read in the שִׁשׁ שְׁלוֹם prayer of the 18 Benedictions, "For by the Light of Thy Face, Thou hast given us O L-rd our G-d, The Torah of Life ..."

"REMEMBER ... THE JUDGMENTS OF HIS MOUTH"

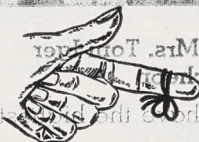
The maledictions

"HIS JUDGMENTS ARE IN ALL THE EARTH"

G-d is Universal. The whole Universe is judged by Him, as we say in our NEW YEAR'S Musaf Prayers: "Thereon sentence, is also pronounced upon the nations, — which of them is destined to the sword, and which to peace, which to famine, and which to plenty ..."

"REMEMBER HIS COVENANT FOREVER"

This covenant (see Genesis 17:8) beginning with Abraham, speaks of G-d's promise of the Holy Land, and His being their G-d. Thus, G-d the Holy Land, and Israel are found together in an everlasting covenant (see also Deut. 10:15).



JUST A REMINDER!

Only a month remains for

inserting ads into our

"CHAI" SOUVENIR ALBUM

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Mr. Ibeey Corwin upon the passing of his brother, Dr. J. X. Cohen; and to our member Mr. Ralph Morris upon the passing of his mother Mrs. May Morris.

YOUTH TORAH PILGRIMAGE

A National Youth for Torah Pilgrimage has been launched under the joint auspices of Rabbinical Council of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Yeshiva University.

This project was planned for the purpose of revitalizing dynamic traditional Jewish life in the American community, and it will serve as a basis for a rich, meaningful, and enjoyable experience for its participants.

The 1955 Pilgrimage will be held from June 24 through 27, for young men and women aged 13 to 17. It will be initiated at Yeshiva University and then followed by an intensive weekend camping and Jewish living experience at a nearby youth camp. There emphasis will be placed upon active participation and discussions of matters relating to Jewish interests, acquisition of leadership skills, and participation in a variety of social and recreational activities. The camp, situated near New York is in a beautiful setting which will provide loads of fun for everyone. A fee of \$35 per participant has been set to cover cost of the four day event.

Judging from last year's event, those who came left with a firm desire to partake once again of a four day experience of pleasant and meaningful Jewish living.

For further information, please contact Rabbi Reichel's office. Applications must be received by May 30.

REMINDER

**Boys and Girls
POST BAR MITZVAH CLUB**

Meets Monday at 7:30

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**LAG B'OMER TUESDAY**

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 7:36

Omer Bonight 8:30 — 9:30

Weekly Portion — Emor

Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregations 10:30

Chazzanim: Mervin Frankel,

Stanley Klein,

Lewis Pekier

Michael Rosenberg

Sabbath Kindergarten for

Children 4 to 6 10:30

Oneig Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 11:00

From 9 to 12 years 3:30

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class 6:10

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 6:10

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 6:10

Mincha 7:10

Reader of Torah: Lawrence Kobrin

Reader of Service: Joseph Neustadter

The Sabbath Terminates 8:24

Daily Services:

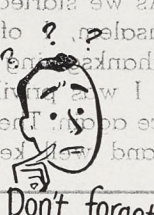
Sunday Morning 7:15, 8:00, 9:00

Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha 7:55

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The success of our
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depends on YOU

**DID YOU ATTEND OUR DINNER
FOR THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL**

You know our Synagogue is helping the United Jewish Appeal. At the dinner in honor of our Director, Herman H. Cohen, we raised \$90,000 but that is not enough. Our Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein before reading the cards of those who gave last year, urged most strongly that we do all we can this year.

It may interest you to know that because of a larger attendance, more money was raised this year than last.

If you were unable to be present, will you please either mail in your check or write us what you wish to pledge for 1955.

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.

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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our pupils will participate in a Lag B'Omer outing in the spirit of the day in cooperation with the religious schools of the Jewish Center and Congregation Onab Zedek, on Lag B'Omer, Tuesday afternoon, May 10th.

Our parents are urged to encourage their children to participate in the various tournaments, games and refreshments. The meet will take place at Riverside Park near 74th Street.

In the event of rain, the tournaments will be held at the Jewish Center.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

The Seventh Anniversary of Israeli Independence Day will not soon be forgotten by our Hebrew School pupils, Toby Gammer and Ceil Miller, who had the honor of being the guests with Rabbi Reichel, of the Israeli Consulate, at its celebration of this momentous event . . . Good to see at our Services Mr. Simeon H. F. Goldstein, son of our beloved Rabbi and his daughter, Deborah Jane, with visas from the Bronx in perfect order . . . Our Congregational Citation of Merit to Director Herman H. Cohen upon his invitation to speak on the subject of Income Taxes at a meeting of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants . . . Welcome home to Director and Mrs. Frank Taks from their recent sojourn in Chicago and to Director Henry Blankfort from the West Coast . . . And, welcome home from Florida to Director Abraham M. Druckman and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwartz; and from Israel to Mr. Hyman Gottlieb . . . He told our Sabbath Afternoon Seudah Shlishis audience, of the marvellous work he saw by the Homes For Children in Israel . . . Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Lazarus in their new home in Lynbrook . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Mr. Ben Wiener . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be our Director Max J. Zimmer . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Director and Mrs. Sol Bellsey and Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum . . . Many happy returns of their **natal days** to Mrs. Noel Aranovici, Mrs. Pauline Barnett, Mrs. Estelle Baskowitz, Ira Bellsey, Mrs. Saul Bergman, Edward Diamond, Gerry Susan Gursky, Robert Hofbauer, Mrs. Anna Stoll and Director Jess Ward.

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From Mrs. Goldstein's Diary:

"Israel — 1954"

Tuesday — June 15, 1954

Hurrah! Just caught the first sight of land. Israel! Haifa! Carmel, rising up out of the sea. We have stopped a ways from the shore. A little boat has pulled up alongside of us with the custom officials. Dad has gone inside to go thru the routine landing procedure. All the crew (most of whose near and dear ones live in Haifa) are chattering away, happily, in Hebrew. They look forward to the reunion with their loved ones. We are directly in front of the city of Haifa. How built up it is! From the top to the bottom of Mt. Carmel, on which Haifa is located, there is hardly any empty space. The houses seem to be built on top of one another. Now the boat is turning around to pull into port. We are getting closer and beginning to see the people on the pier. How frantically hands are waving.

Wednesday — June 16, 1954

The landing process took a long time, but we went thru the customs inspection in record time, and as soon as our baggage was released from Customs, off we went. It was about 4:30 in the afternoon when we left Haifa. As we started out on our trip to Jerusalem, I offered up a prayer of thanksgiving to the Almighty that I was privileged to be in Israel once again. The roads were so smooth and well kept (as they

are thru most of Israel) that I felt myself gliding along. The eucalyptus saplings which I had seen planted several years ago are now tall and stately looking trees, forming a wide traffic lane. It did my heart good to see the immense banana plantations — the vast stretches of grape arbors — heavily laden with luscious fruits just ready for picking (this is the month when they ripen) the endless stretches of orange groves (the orange season is over now). Our chauffeur told me that this was one of the most wonderful seasons for oranges, since Israel has become a State. This was due to two causes — first, the crops were unusually plentiful and second, there was a frost in Spain in February, which destroyed the orange crops there. The demand from Europe for oranges was abnormal and the prices were accordingly considerably advanced. Orange growers in Israel must pay 50% income tax to the government. The total income tax received by the government from orange growers was 6,000,000 pounds, this year. Not bad, was it?

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