

**SATURDAY MORNING —
SERVICES BEGIN AT 8:30
YIZKOR SERVICES**

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LITTLE TIME REMAINS FOR YOU TO JOIN OUR "BOOK OF LIFE"

There is little time indeed remaining! In a very short while, our efforts on behalf of W.S.I.S. 18th Anniversary "Chai" Album will come to a close.

Every single friend and member of the congregational family should be represented by an ad in this, our "Book of Life."

With only a little effort on the part of each person who reads this Review, we can reach a 100% participation goal. It is not to your



neighbor or your friend that we are writing, but to **YOU**.

This year's Album is to be a "Book of Life" for our congregation. On our 18th, "chai" year, the number traditionally associated with "life," we hope that each will be recorded in the "Book of Life."

Contact the Synagogue Office today, if you have not done so already. Let them know that you wish to be counted on as a supporter for the continued life of the W.S.I.S.

SHEVUOTH

This Thursday evening we usher in the Festival of Shevuoth, or the Feast of Weeks. It is so called because it comes at the end of the seven weeks of the Omer which we begin counting on the second day of Passover. For this reason kiddush for the Yom Tov meal on Thursday eve should be made when it is already night.

The holiday is also known as "Chag Hakatsir" (The Festival of the Harvest) and the "Yom HaBikurim" (The Day of the First Fruits), since in Temple days the first fruits were offered at the Temple at this time of the year.

The Giving of the Law

Tradition has assigned this, the sixth day of the month of Sivan, as the day when the Law was first given to Israel. Therefore, the holiday is also known as the anniversary of the giving of the Law, ("Zeman matan torasenu").

The special portion of the Law read on the first day of Shevuos is the Ten Commandments, (from the Book of Exodus). On the first day, the special Aramaic liturgy, Akdamos, is chanted, telling of the greatness of G-d, the Torah and Is-

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Re-Elect Mr. Eisenman, Other Officers To Lead Men's Club for Coming Year



Mr. Abraham Eisenman

We congratulate the officers who will lead the Men's Club for the coming year.

Re-elected to continue in their present posts were: Mr. Abraham Eisenman, President; Mr. Fred Heiser, 1st Vice-President; Mr. Max Sel-sky, 2nd Vice-President; Mr. Jacob Goldberg, Secretary; Mr. Philip Nager, Treasurer; Mr. Alexander Kirsh, Sergeant at Arms. Mr. Hyman Gottlieb was elected as Financial Secretary.

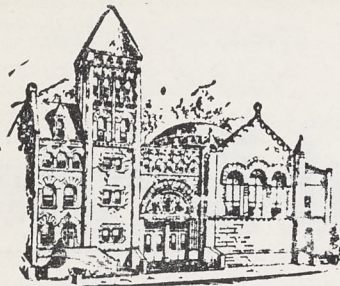
At the last meeting, progress was reported on the sale of tickets for the Men's Club Baseball Game. The game is used to raise funds for the Club's charitable endeavors and all the members of the Club are urged to support the effort, and enjoy a fine game on Sunday, June 12, at the same time.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS NOTES

All members of our Buddy Friedman Post as well as all Veterans of our neighborhood are invited to attend the Memorial Services this Saturday morning, Shevuos. They may wear their veteran caps.

SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATION FOR SHEVUOTH

Tomorrow, Friday, May 27th and Saturday, May 28th, at 10:30 o'clock, the Junior Congregation will hold special services in celebration of Shevuoth. Parents are urged not to send their children to school this Friday but to have them attend the services conducted especially for the youngsters. By giving them an opportunity to attend these services, you will help teach them to appreciate our Jewish Heritage.



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By MORRIS JABLOW

You, our readers, know that I am concerned with the 1955 Souvenir Album, dedicated this year to the celebration of our 18th, "CHAI", Birthday, appropriately referred to as the "BOOK OF LIFE".

I am sure that you will pardon my oft-repeated plea addressed to all of you, to insert your personal or business ad in this "BOOK OF LIFE". I sincerely hope that all of you will respond. In doing so, you will help W.S.I.S. continue our activities, and at the same time honor yourself by including your name as a supporter of the fine work we are doing to promote greater loyalty to the cause of Traditional Judaism.

During this week, I was gratified and touched by the visit of several ladies to our office, who inserted their personal ads and in addition, expressed their pleasure at the opportunity afforded them to do so. In the words of one lady — "I am very much pleased to place an ad, because I know that this money goes to the institution, which is do-

"O G-D OF VENGEANCE SHINE FORTH."

We pray, not for man's vengeance, but, for G-d's vengeance, G-d in His wisdom, knows where to stop. Without G-d's vengeance there is no ultimate justice. Without G-d's ven-

"RENDER TO THE PROUD THEIR DESERT"

Pride, or arrogance is a form of idolatry; it is self-worship.

"SALVATION BELONGETH TO THE L-RD"

And not to man. "Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord His G-d." Ps. 146.5

"SELAH"

This is either a musical note, meaning a pause, or as the Targum has it meaning "forever."

"SHOW US THY LOVING KINDNESS"

One that is patient, and not one that is a result of swallowing "a bitter pill" as it were.

"AND AS FOR ME I HAVE TRUSTED IN THY LOVING KINDNESS"

Trusting in one's own efforts merely, is like building upon quicksand. Man's merit is so meager, that we should and must pray for G-d's mercies, which are so numerous and unlimited. "If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O L-rd, who could stand." This verse from Psalm 130:3 is read on Mondays and Thursdays in the

"A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING" — Psalm 100.

Thanksgiving is not to be offered merely upon Thanksgiving Day. It is a duty everyday. Just as we open our eyes in the morning, (even before washing our hands), we say "I give THANKS, תודה אני before Thee, living and existing King, because THOU HAST RETURNED unto me, my soul, in mercy; great is thy faithfulness," and thus begin the day with thanksgiving to G-d. So highly is Thanksgiving regarded, that our Rabbis say, that when the sacrifices will be annulled, the Thanksgiving offering will not be abolished. (Leviticus Rabba 9). The service of gratitude is Eternal. In the Messianic Age there will be no sin and no expiatory sin-offering; there will be no sorrow, and no supplicatory petitions. But the thank offering will remain on into eternity. Thanksgiving will never become ob-

ing such marvelous work for the residents of this vicinity. Its doors are open to all each and every day of the year. The Hebrew School is teaching our youngsters and preparing them to become good Jews and good Americans. The Social Department is affording the young people an opportunity to get acquainted. Your weekly paper is in-

Psalms of Praise

gence, might would make right, — and prevail. To criticise adversely this thought, is maudlin sentimentality, which flirts with wrongdoing.

תחנון Prayer. The infinite trust in G-d's mercies pervade and permeate all our prayers, leading to thanksgiving. Thus we are ready now for the Psalm of Thanksgiving. This Psalm is said daily excepting on Sabbaths, Festivals, Erev Pesach, the Intermediate Days of Pesach and on Erev Yom Kippur.

solete in the realms of spiritual bliss. A world full of praise; O, how near to heaven it would be! We must bring ourselves into line with such ideals. Our worship must not be impatient supplication, but patient praise.

We must think less of what we lack, and more of what we have.

We read in Psalm 40, verse 23, "Whoso bringeth the Thanksgiving offering,—HONORETH Me." The Hebrew word for 'confession' (see Joshua 7:19) is תודה, which also means "thanksgiving." When we are grateful to G-d, we confess that we owe Him our thanks. So, too, when any one renders us a service, merely saying thanks, does not complete our duty, unless we make a note to show our gratefulness. Thanksgiving is thanksgiving.

interesting and informative. I derive much pleasure from attending your religious services. I am quite certain you are accomplishing a great deal of good and deserve our support."

I trust that you, our readers, agree with this appraisal, and will surely follow this fine example. Please place your ads NOW.

MAZEL TOV



Debra Siegel

Our heartiest congratulations to our First Vice President, Mr. Samuel Siegel, and our Women's League Vice-President, Mrs. Siegel, upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Debra, to Daniel Rotto, son of Mr. Sol Rotto.

May the young couple be blessed with a long and happy married life.

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(Continued)

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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

There will be regular Hebrew School classes meeting up to Tuesday, June 14th. Closing exercises will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at 6:45 P.M. promptly. Parents are urged to join their children on this occasion. The closing assembly will be over before 8 P.M.

Our readers who know of any prospective pupils for our Hebrew School for the new term, are asked to send us their names and addresses.

JOINT U. J. A. AFFAIR

Our Senior League is co-sponsoring a U. J. A. Monte Carlo Night at the Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street, on Sunday evening, June 5th.

WEDDINGS

And All Social Functions

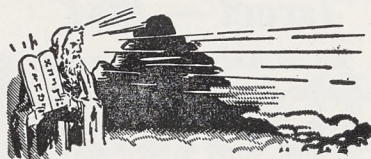
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Festival Notes, Shevuoth

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rael, before commencing to recite His commandments.

It is customary to decorate the synagogue and the home with leaves and flowers symbolic of the green vegetation that covered Mt. Sinai at the giving of the Law.

Tikun Shevuoth

On the eve of the first night of the holiday, it is customary to stay awake all night and recite certain selections from the Bible and Talmud from a specially prepared book of excerpts called "Tikun Shevuoth."

Our readers are invited to join our all-night vigil, beginning 10:30 o'clock Thursday night. A minyan will be held in the early hours of Friday morning for those who remain all night.

Eruv Tavshilin

The Law does not permit the cooking or baking on one day of Yom Tov for the next day of Yom Tov or Shabbos. Inasmuch as this year Shevuos falls on Friday and Shabbos, the ceremony of Eruv Tavshilin must be performed on Thursday Erev Shevuos. The symbolic Eruv Tavshilin meal prepared on Thursday enables the housewife to complete the cooking on Friday for Shabbos.

Some Challa and a piece of meat or fish are placed on a plate. The master of the house lifts the plate and recites the following benediction:— Baruch a-ta a-d-on-ai e-lo-he-nu melech ha-olam asher kide-shanu b'mitzvosov v'tzivanu al mits-vas eruv.

"Praised be Thou, O L-d our G-d, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy Commandments, and hast commanded us concerning the observance of the Eruv.

"By this means we shall be permitted to bake, boil and keep victuals warm, to light up lights (from others), and to do and prepare all things necessary for the Sabbath, on the festival for us and all the Israelites, that dwell in this city."

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Shevuoth Schedule

Thursday Evening

Light Candles Thursday Evening7:58
Thursday Evening Mincha Service8:00
Tikun Shevuoth (All Night Vigil)10:30

Friday Morning (Shevuos I)

Morning Services9:00
Junior Congregations10:30
Chazanin: Lewis Pekier,

Michael Rosenberg

Holiday Kindergarten for Children

4 to 610:30

Friday Night

Light Candles up to7:59
Friday Mincha6:40
(Worshippers who attend our Friday evening services should repeat the "Kreecah Shma" after dark)

Saturday (Shevuos II)

Morning Services8:30

Yizkor will be read

Junior Congregations10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children

4 to 610:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys)3:30

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class6:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class6:40

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class6:40

Mincha Service7:40

Reader of Torah: Hillel Gross

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath Terminates8:53

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:00, 9:00

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

Mincha8:00

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our Women's League have arranged the beautiful floral decorations in the Synagogue in honor of the forthcoming Shevuos Festival . . . Hearty welcome into our Congregational Family as new members to Messrs Max Bernstein and William P. Herwood who we trust will be conspicuous by their presence at as many of our religious, educational and social activities as possible . . . Congratulations to Evelyn Goldstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goldstein and to Lois Jane Ullman, daughter of our Director and Mrs. David H. Ullman, upon winning New York State College Scholarships . . . Mazel Tov to our Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein upon the **birth** of a boy, Mark Alfred, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin M. Greenstein.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Leon Merkin, upon the **betrothal** of their son Theodore A. Merkin, to Miss Betty Oppenheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oppenheimer of Riverhead, N. Y. . . . Martin Schetzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schetzen, was elected to the M. I. T. Sigma XI Chapter of the National Scientific Honorary Society . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis last Saturday was Mr. Philip Amin; and our host this Saturday afternoon will be Mr. Alexander Kirsh . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to our members Mr. Isidor Alpert, Dr. Samuel Goodman, and Hirsch Raskin.

Wedding Anniversary greetings to Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Gershweir, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tessler and President and Mrs. Lester Udell . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Justin Bayer, Mrs. Joseph Blankfort, John D. Garrett, Rachel Ann Goldsmith, Renee Kaufman, Mrs. Irving Kobrin, Mrs. Alan Kurtis, Louis Landowne, Mrs. Mark Linker and Buddy Udell.

DON'T BE BASHFUL

Please call or write us at once if there is a graduate in your family. We would like to have the name of the graduate, his school, degree etc. by June 1st.

From Mrs. Goldstein's Diary:

"Israel — 1954"

At the nursery at Katamon, the children are given 3 meals a day, and are put to rest on little cots in the early afternoon. What a comfort it must be, to the mothers, who have to go out to work, to feel that their children are getting such fine physical and spiritual care. Such a variety of children — some light, some dark, some phlegmatic and some animated — but when Dad said "I will send candy for all of you soon," the response was almost identical. They all either jumped up from their little chairs, or shouted out "Yofie, Yofie", which is equivalent to our way of saying "Goodie". One of the little girls who observed that I was writing said "What are you writing?". When I answered in Hebrew "I am writing a letter in which I am saying that there are many boys and girls here and that they are all good boys and girls", I wish you could have seen the great big smile that

spread over the faces of all the children. Old or young, everybody enjoys having nice things said about them.

June 20th, 1954

This morning at 11 A.M. Dad and I accompanied by our Mr. Abe Eisenman of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, left Jerusalem by car. We travelled thru the beautiful, familiar roads which are becoming steadily more beautiful as they are getting more and more cultivated.

Our first stop was at the Yeshivat Hadarom in Rechoveth, which is a project of the Rabbinical Council of America. We saw the first of a series of seven proposed buildings. This is a three story structure — two floors are used for dormitory purposes and one floor for a Synagogue, study hall and library. There are also 2 cottages in this unit — one for additional dormitory space and another for kitchen and dining room purposes. There are 70 students here at present between the ages of 15 and 23. The majority of them are children of new comers or Youth Aliyah Children.

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