

SELICHOS SERVICES
SATURDAY, NIGHT — 1 A.M.

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RABBI WITH ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT:



Pictured above with our beloved Rabbi Goldstein is the President of the State of Israel, Hon. Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein were in Israel over the summer in connection with several of the Rabbi's projects in the Holy Land. While there, they participated in the cornerstone laying for the World Academy for Higher Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, and inspected the facilities of the Homes for Children in Israel.

Both the Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein will be in Synagogue tomorrow, please G-d, to report to their congregants on their Israel trip.

High Holyday Season Nears: Selichos Saturday Night Some Seats Available: Other Preparations

Presentation Of The High Holy Day Services

On Monday night September 12th at 8:30 at Manhattan Towers Hotel, Rabbi Goldstein will give an explanation of the Prayers for the High Holy Days, and Cantor Yavneh will lead us in some of the special tunes for our Services. This is an opportunity no one should miss.

Greet Your Friends In The WSIS Review

It is part of the custom of the New Year season for Jews to extend greetings to each other. One way to do so is to extend New Year Greetings to your friends through our Review in our special Rosh Hashonah issue.

The cost for each insertion is \$3.00. The greetings must reach our office no later than Sunday morning, September 11.

Selichos Services To Be Held Saturday Night At 1 A.M.

The High Holiday season is traditionally ushered in by a period of special prayers, in which we begin to ask forgiveness of the All-Merciful G-d for our sins of the past year. The Hebrew word for forgiveness is "selicho," hence the name of the "selichos" prayers.

We begin the selichos prayers on the Saturday night preceding Rosh Hashonah, so that there will be at least four days of such penitential prayers before the New Year. (Thus, should the New Year fall on a Monday or Tuesday, the Selichos are begun an additional week earlier.) This has been compared to the four-day period of inspection for blemishes of the animal that was offered for sacrifice in the Temple in Jerusalem. In such a manner must every human being who is to stand before G-d on New Year, first inspect and introspect for a similar period of at least four days.

Both men and women are cordially invited and urged to attend the services which will start at 1 A.M. and conclude within an hour.

Seats Can Still Be Obtained

There are still some seats left for you and your friends in the Main Synagogue, the Overflow Service and the Manhattan Towers Service. While we cannot guarantee you the exact seats you want, because of the late date, may we urge you to contact the Synagogue Office, TR 7-8281, as soon as possible.

This year, once again, the services at the Manhattan Towers Hotel are under the direction of our Men's Club Committee.

MEALS IN THE SUCCAH

Members may make reservations to eat their noon and evening meals during the Holiday and also their morning meals during Chol Hamoed in our Succah. Please phone the Synagogue office.

Talmud Torah Classes Begin September 14

Parents Urged To Register Children Immediately

We cannot urge our parents too emphatically to enroll their children — girls as well as boys — at an early age in our Hebrew School, and Sunday morning Kindergarten.

Our progressive curriculum for the younger set emphasizes the importance of play and fun while learning. Thus, the children are introduced to the Bible and background of Judaism in a natural, pleasant and joyful manner.

Knowledge does not come in concentrated capsules, as do vitamins. It is unfair to expect any Hebrew School to cram eight years' Jewish Studies into a child's mind in a few years, before his Bar Mitzvah.

We also would like to go on record as saying that girls are as important as boys in our school. As the future housewives and mothers, they determine in large measure the spirit and philosophy of the home.

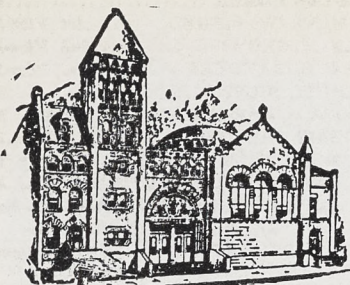
So, dear parents and grandparents, we urge you most fervently

to enroll your children and grandchildren this Sunday morning, when they will be able to enjoy our Film Party (see article on page 3) — or enroll them any afternoon during the coming week.

Free Piano Lessons

As an added incentive for early enrollment in our Hebrew School, free weekly piano lessons will be available to all our registered pupils. These lessons may be conveniently arranged before or after the pupils' regular Hebrew classes, or on the alternate days. Our readers are urged to bring this offer to the attention of their friends and neighbors, who have children of Hebrew School age.

The principal of our School, Rabbi Reichel will be glad to plan your child's Jewish educational program with you, at all times bearing in mind his or her elementary or high-school program.



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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise

"MANY A TIME HE TURNETH HIS ANGER AWAY"

When there is sincere repentance, and man turns over a NEW leaf.

"AND DOTH NOT STIR UP ALL HIS WRATH"

Even when punishment is unavoidable, He does not allow all His wrath to be visited upon us. The Rabbis give the following story as an illustration of this statement. Once a sovereign had a son whose conduct was most displeasing to him. Things went so far that the father decreed that a heavy stone be thrown upon his son. Afterwards the sovereign who was a merciful man, wanted to soften the decree. He was in a dilemma, should he obey the Law he has set down, or

should he allow compassion to rule. Sagacity came to the rescue, and advised that the stone should indeed be thrown, but that it should first be ground into a powder pulp, and thus the son was saved. The Law was not violated, and compassion came in to play its part. The decree was carried out, minus its impact. So, is it, as it were, with G-d, even in punishing, He does not let loose his whole impact of Omnipotence.

"HAPPY ARE THOSE THAT DWELL IN THY HOUSE"

Just as one who goes into a flower or perfume store, even though he do not take anything, nevertheless, the perfume is with him, so is it with those all the more who come to the Synagogue "and Praise" G-d. There is ipso-facto something that is extra, that is given him.

This is an alphabetic Psalm — with the exception of the letter פ for which the Talmud gives a reason. It is the only Psalm designated as a תהלה "a Psalm of Praises." The whole book is called תהלים "The Book of Psalms." The first two verses are from Psalm 84 verse 5 and the last verse of the preceding Psalm, Psalm 144 verse 14. The

Talmud in Berachos 4b, declares that "He who recites this Psalm three times daily is assured of a place in the world to come." This Psalm is wholly one of Praise, and does not contain any petition.

"HAPPY" or אֲשֵׁרִי is an exclamation. It is the construct plural of meaning "the happiness, or the blessedness of" those who dwell in Thy houses. The Talmud in Berachos quotes this verse as referring to the practice of coming to the Synagogue before the service begins,—to attune oneself in Study and meditation for the regular prayer service.

"HAPPY IS THE PEOPLE THAT IS IN SUCH A CASE: HAPPY IS THE PEOPLE, WHOSE G-D IS THE LORD"

Happy or blessed is a people whose whole national life, is centered in G-d, and in His Holy Law. Blessed is Israel because its civilization is a Torahcracy, wherein the Divine will is its primal considera-

tion. When Israel lived that civilization, it was safe. Its troubles began as a people when it became "a Goy" "a nation" like "the nations . . ."

"I WILL EXTOL THEE MY G-D, O KING: AND I WILL BLESS THEE FOREVER AND EVER."

I will extol or praise G-d, and bless that for which He stands,—the 13 attributes of His Name which all prepresent His love.

"EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS THEE, AND PRAISE THY NAME FOREVER."

Here we have the reverse of the previous verse. In the previous verse we praise G-d, and bless His name. In this verse we bless G-d, and Praise His name. As He daily

bestows blessings upon us, it is only fitting and proper that we Bless Him every day, and eternally praise His Name for all it represents.

"GREAT IS THE LORD, AND EXCEEDINGLY TO BE PRAISED: AND HIS GREATNESS IS UNSEARCHABLE."

There are so many unnoticed deliverances wrought in our behalf, that we are bound to come short of the gratitude due G-d.

CONDOLENCES

We sorrowfully record the passing of the following members of our Congregational Family and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their near and dear ones:

Benjamin Hirsh

David Hirsh — our member

Harry Lax — brother of our member, Samuel Lax.

Esther Livingston — mother of our Director George L. Livingston.

Pincus Meirowitz — father of our Director Adolph Meirowitz and our member Harry Meirowitz.

Benjamin Plottel — brother of our member Charles Plottel and Frances Plottel.

Zelda Reisman — mother of our member, Louis Reisman, Anna Belle and Minna Reisman.

Joseph Weiner — our member

Isidore Wilner — our member

Jack Zagor — husband of our Women's League member.

Women's League

MRS. WILLIAM FOONT TO BE HOSTESS

On Monday, September 12th, at 12 noon, Mrs. William Foont, President of our Women's League, will entertain the Executive Board at a Luncheon meeting at her home, 277 West End Avenue. Since vital matters must be voted on, all the Board members are urgently requested to attend.

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Friday, Elul 22

Light candles before6:58
Evening Services6:30

Saturday, Elul 23

N'tsavim and Va'Yelech, Deut. 29:9-31:30
Isaiah 55:6 - 56:8
Morning Service9:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class5:30
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class5:30
Mincha Service6:30
Ethics of The Fathers - Chaps. 5 & 6
The Sabbath Terminates7:46

Sunday, Elul 24

Morning Services7:30, 8:30, 9:00

Weekday Services

Morning Services6:45, 7:30, 8:30
Selichos6:20 and about 8:10
Mincha Services6:40

Friday, Elul 29

Z'chor Bris Slichos5:45 and 6:45
Morning Services about 6:50 and 7:50
Mincha Service6:40

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Shalom and a spiritually happy and prosperous New Year to all our members and friends everywhere! For ye columnist, at least, summertime traditionally ends, and this summer is no exception, with a brief and sweet note from our beloved Rabbi Reichel reminding me to prepare this column for the year's first issue of the Review. So, thus shaken from our grips with an extraordinary summer we scan the news of happenings in our congregational family during the summer months . . . An outstanding event was the swearing in as Federal Judge for the Southern District of New York of our own esteemed Wm. B. Herlands. With that signal honor our Congregation now boasts of two federal judges in its Board of Directors, the other judge being the Hon. David N. Edelstein. Indeed this particular era in the history of our congregation should be known as the Era of Judges. Why even your columnist sat this summer as a Special Referee in the Small Claims Court . . . Our heartiest welcome back from another productive trip to the Holy Land to our revered and beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein . . . Our welcome mat is also rolled out for the return to our shores from Israel and Europe to our Treasurer and Mrs. Samuel Silver, Director and Mrs. Harry Altman, Miss Liba Amin, Judge and Mrs. David N. Edelstein, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goldstein and daughter, Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Director and Mrs. Jess E. Gross, Miss Libby Rosenbaum . . . Bon Voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Max Chernofsky and Rabbi and Mrs. Morton Garfiel, on their departure to Israel and Europe . . . Our congregational citation of merit to David Buchsbaum, son of our Director and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum and son-in-law of our Hon. Vice Pres. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, upon his appointment to the faculty of the University of Chicago . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter upon the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Irwin Bee Citron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Citron; and to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Perchick upon the engagement of their son, Melville, to Diane Claire Edelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Edelman. Mrs. Neustadter and Mrs. Perchick are Women's League Executive Board Members . . . All best wishes to Dr. Joseph Schwartzman and Evelyn Gallenson, who were married in our synagogue . . . Mazel Tov to Mrs. Etta Jaffin, the grandmother, upon the birth of Jonathan Barney to her children Mr. and Mrs. Leon Greenberg; to the great grandmother, Mrs. Regina Margareten, the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Richman and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wohl, upon

the birth of a son David Lazar to their children Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wohl; to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Fine upon the birth of Manuella, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Kates; to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spiro upon the birth of Dale Regina, to their children Dr. and Mrs. David Spiro; to our P. T. A. members, Mr. and Mrs. Salo Schlanger upon the birth of a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Markowitz upon the birth of Douglas Wayne, to their children Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan M. Marshall; and to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Applebaum upon the birth of a girl, Meg, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. David Newman . . . Our heartiest congratulations and earnest hopes for successful careers to the following young folk of our congregation who reached their academic goals last June: Rabbi Morton Garfiel (L.L.B., N.Y. Law School); Roland Plottel (B.A., Columbia College, Entering Columbia Law School); Evelyn Goldstein (Entering Barnard College); Barbara Kaplan (Winner of N.Y. State's annual Scholarship Award, first for Manhattan, for Nursing Education); Jo-Ann Draiarsh (Wade J.H.S. Entering Taft H.S.); Marcia Goldberg (Joan of Arc J.H.S. Entering Julia Richman H.S.); Michael Fruchtman (Professional Children's School) . . . Wedding Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Selig Edelman, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan K. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Schraub, Mr. and Mrs. Max Stokar, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Trotzky, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Wiggs . . . Many happy returns of their natal days to Mrs. Bertha Allen, Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, Benjamin Ehrenfeld, Rashi Glazer, Bernice Goldberg, Joel Jay Goldman, Mrs. Herman B. Gross, Mrs. H. William Hirsch, Richard J. Karpf, Lawrence Kobrin, Noah Kobrin, Harold Levine, Judith D. Levine, Dr. Herman Mintz, Marilyn Rubenstein Gershbein, Stephen Solarz, Janice Udell, Nancy Jane Udell, Stanford Mark Ward, Mrs. Ida Weinstein, Susie Weinstein, Alan J. Weiss, Daniel Weiss, Nancy Jo Weiss.

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