

TO YOU AND YOURS —
A YEAR OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

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**What is Rosh Hashona?
Yom Kippur? Succoth?
What is a Shofar? A Machzor?**

These are the subjects about which your children will receive a thorough knowledge if they will be enrolled in our Hebrew School before the Holiday season. **All Classes in our Hebrew School are already in session.** We urge you to enroll your children at once in our Religious School. Our principal, Rabbi Reichel, will be glad to discuss with you the educational program of your child.

TASHLICH PARTY

Our rabbis will again lead the Tashlich procession this Rosh Hashonah, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18. Our Talmud Torah pupils, as well as Yeshiva pupils who attend our Synagogue will assemble in front of our building at 4:30 o'clock, and will proceed together to Central Park. Delicious sweets will be distributed to them with the compliments of the House of Gross.

SUCCOS PREPARATIONS SHOULD BEGIN NOW — LULAVIM AVAILABLE THROUGH RABBI PEKIER

Our Sages ordained that as much as a month before a holiday, we should begin to make the proper preparations for that holiday.

The proper observance of the Succos holiday must include the traditional esrog and lulav which the Bible commands us to "take" during the holiday.

Each year an increasing number of our worshippers have equipped themselves with beautiful lulavim and esrogim obtained through our sexton, Rabbi Pekier. He can be reached either at the Synagogue office, TR 7-8281, or at his home, SC 4-5163. We hope that as many of our

readers as possible will avail themselves of this service.

The proper preparation of a lulav may often take some time and must be ordered in advance. May we urge our readers, therefore, to contact Rabbi Pekier as soon as possible.



Rosh Hashonah Notes

At sundown tonight (Friday), Jews all over the world will usher in the Jewish New Year, Rosh HaShonah. The holiday, also known as Yom HaZikaron, or the Day of Remembrance, provides a time for serious thoughts concerning our deeds during the past year.

Shofar

One of the most significant and awe inspiring portions of the New Year Service is the sounding of the Shofar, or ram's horn. As the Shofar is not sounded on the Sabbath, it will be heard only one day this year, Sunday, the second day of the holiday.

One hundred blasts of various kinds are sounded each day. There is the single long blast, the "tekiah";

the groaning disconnected sound of the "shevarim"; and the trembling plaintive lament of the "teruah". The latter two are the result of traditional interpretations as to whether the "teruah" mentioned in the Bible was tremolo (shevarim) or staccato (teruah).

All these sounds serve to arouse the people to repentance during this season of repentance. The sounding of the shofar has traditionally been used also in times of national stress or emergency: attack, famine, or drought. It is said that it will herald the coming of the Messiah.

New Year Customs

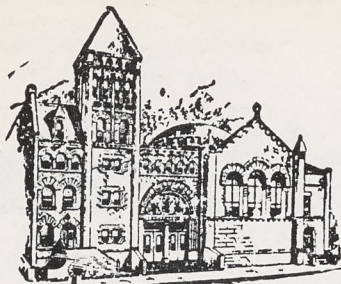
It is customary to wish one's neighbors a good New Year with the greeting "L'shono tova tika-sev," may you be inscribed for a good year. This is in reference to the Talmudic teaching regarding the books of judgment open before the Lord on the New Year.

In consonance with our wish for a sweet and happy year, it is customary to eat an apple dipped in honey at the New Year meal, with the prayer that our year will be a sweet one.

Mussaf Service

The basis of the New Year Mussaf service, on both days of the holiday, is the longest Amidah prayer of the year. Three sections, known as 'malchios, zichronos, shofros,' or "kings, remembrances and the blow-

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I APOLOGIZE

This is my confession: this is my apology . . .

First — may I say I meant no harm — at worst I was only being thoughtless. May I ask you to forgive me, if I have disturbed you last year during the High Holiday service by talking or whispering when you were trying to pray?

If I have offended your good taste by standing outside in front of the building (as if I were on the reception committee) instead of coming inside to pray — if I have annoyed you by constantly craning my neck to see who had arrived, or who was arriving; if I gossiped or talked over a business deal; if I marched up and down the aisle searching for my long-lost friend I hadn't talked to since yesterday . . . forgive me please; I meant no harm; I just didn't stop to think. I forgot the sacred purpose for which these days had been set aside.

Our Jewish New Year is an oasis which is designed to quench our religious thirst. It is a time for prayer,

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise

**"ONE GENERATION SHALL LAUD THY WORKS TO ANOTHER.
AND SHALL DECLARE THY MIGHTY ACTS"**

We need no philosophical speculations by which to know G-d. Our own experiences, and the records of the experiences of our fathers, give us our knowledge of G-d. When Abraham believed in G-d, "it was regarded unto him as righteousness," because he had no tradition from his father Terach, the idolator; but with us it is a matter of what I

call "experiential faith." We do not have to BELIEVE, as did Abraham. We know from the experiences of our history, — that there is the Hand of G-d in the affairs of men. Man writes history and **writes** it poorly, G-d RIGHTS history. The existence of the Jewish people, is an evidence of G-d and His Providence.

**"AND MEN SHALL SPEAK OF THY TREMENDOUS ACTS: AND I
WILL RECOUNT THY GREATNESS."**

Yes, man, the outside world, shall speak of the marvellous occurrences of history, but not of G-d behind all these events. However, the Jew sees the greatness of G-d in every phase of life. At best the world is awed by

His "tremendous acts." We see His greatness, in His Providence over Israel for, "Behold the Guardian of Israel, neither sleepeth nor slumbereth."

**"THEY SHALL יביעו "POUR FORTH" THE FAME OF THY GREAT
GOODNESS, AND SHALL ירננו "EXULT" IN THY JUSTICE."**

Israel is in ecstasy with G-d, and finds happiness and exultation in His righteousness, thru His Torah. Matthew Arnold, has well said, "All, or very nearly all, the nations of mankind have recognized the importance of conduct. They however, looked at conduct, not as something full of happiness and joy, but as something one could not manage to do without. No one has ever come near Israel in feeling, and in making others feel, that to righteousness belongs happiness!"

יביעו "They gush" about

**"THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL: SLOW TO ANGER
AND OF GREAT LOVINGKINDNESS."**

These are part of the 13 attributes of G-d's Mercy. The 13 are represented, as follows, in Exodus Chapter 34 verses 6 and 7 (1) "Lord, (2) Lord, (3) G-d, (4) Merciful and (5) Gracious, (6) Longsuffering, and abun-

G-d's goodness."

ירננו "They sing, even joyously about G-d's justice. In other words the religious Jew sings, not only when G-d manifests His love to Him, but he also accepts, in the same spirit, His justice, as King David exclaimed, "Whether it be lovingkindness or strict justice, I sing (Psalm 101 verse 1), or as Job put it "The Lord gave, and the Lord took, blessed be the name of the Lord." The Pious Jew, blesses G-d for ALL his works.

dant in (7) Goodness and (8) Truth, keeping (9) Lovingkindness for thousands, forgiving (10) Iniquity and (11) Transgression and (12) sin and who will by no means (13) Clear the guilty."

"THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL"

Divine goodness is not limited to the deserving. It is extended to ALL, — to the non-deserving as well as to the deserving.

**for remembering, for soul-searching,
for thought and meditation. It is not
a time for gossip, for visiting, or for
comparison of new clothes.**

This year as perhaps never before in our lives we feel a need for prayer, a need for renewal of our faith. This year we will have no patience

for anyone who comes for anything but prayer.

This is my apology . . . If I have ever disturbed your prayer in the past, please forgive me! I promise I shall not do it again — will you please promise me to do the same?

By Bee Sherman

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Friday, Elul 29

Erev Rosh HaShonah

Light candles up to6:46
Evening service6:15

Saturday, Tishre 1

First Day Rosh HaShonah

Morning service7:45
Junior congregation10:30
Talmud Class5:45
Mincha service6:45
Light candles after7:35

Sunday, Tishre 2

Second Day Rosh HaShonah

Morning service7:30
Junior congregation10:30
Mincha service4:30
Tashlich5:00
The Holiday terminates7:35

Monday, Tishre 3

Fast of Gelaliah

Selichos6:15 and about 8:00
Morning services6:45, 7:10, 8:30
Mincha service6:40

Weekday Services

Selichos6:20 and about 8:00
Morning services6:45, 7:15, 8:30
Mincha service6:50
Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Yom Kippur, Monday, September 26, Yizkor services will be recited at our Synagogue. If you wish to have Special Memorial Prayers recited for your dear ones, please fill out the form below and mail it to us.

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JUNIOR CONGREGATIONS WELCOME ALL YOUNGSTERS TO SERVICES

Beginning with Rosh Hashonah mornings, at 10:30 o'clock, our popular Junior Congregations will again be conducted by our younger set. There will be a special section for the younger ones, who are unable to follow the "Senior" section.

A beautiful Sefer Torah has been acquired for them, which will surely enhance the services.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

Hobby, cultural and social clubs for our youth of all ages are being organized for the coming season. All boys and girls who are interested in our Youth Activities Program are urged to call Rabbi Reichel at the Synagogue, or step in to see him.

A GIFT SUGGESTION

Any of our readers who would like to have the members of their family and friends receive the "Review," may present them with a gift subscription for \$1.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Director Max Lazarus, taking a personal affront at the inadequate night lighting in the street on which our Synagogue building is located, took his troubles before the proper authorities. Lo and behold brand new and brilliant lighting was installed on the street, serving as a beacon to all at night, who would seek the spiritual comfort and safety of our Congregation . . . A hearty welcome back home to our former Assistant Editor, Jack Verschleiser, who has just completed doing his bit in the Armed Services . . . Also happy to have back in our midst again after their recent trips to Europe and Israel, Mr. Karl Ekstein, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, Mr. Henry L. Kraushar, Mrs. Jeffie Schreiber . . . We were glad to see at our Sabbath services Mr. Clarence Lieberman, from Atlanta, who just enrolled his son, Bernard, at Yeshiva University . . . Also Professor Kurt Schreiber from Pittsburgh . . . Glad to hear that Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter is on the mend . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra upon the Bar Mitzvah this summer of their son, Lionel. . . . Our congregational congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz upon the BETROTHAL of their daughter Barbara Sharon, to Lewis Dean Katz; to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Last on the engagement of their daughter, Renee, to Mr. Richard Moss; to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter upon the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Irwin Citron (B.E.E., City College), and to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stokar, (our former secretary, Frances Miller) upon the BIRTH of a son . . . Upon reaching another happy milestone in each of their wedded lives, greetings and best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rudnick and Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro . . . Many happy returns of their natal days to Director Samuel K. Beier, Judith Bendheim, Isidore Ehrman, Gabriel F. Goldstein, Rosanne Gene Schnur, Marcia Therese Tumpowsky and Patricia Jan Weiss.

PLEASE NOTE!

A modern Ritualarium (Mikvah) is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St., MO 3-0300.



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ing of the shofar" are introduced into the regular High Holiday prayers. In the repetition of the Amidah by the Cantor, the Shofar is blown between each of these sections.

Each of the sections contains a series of the Bible, relating (1) to G-d's sovereignty over all the world, (2) to G-d as the supreme Judge, and (3) to the blowing of the shofar wherein we emphasize our belief in the divine origin of the Torah, which was given with the blowing of the Shofar.

Tashlich

Ordinarily on the first afternoon of New Year — but on the second should the first day fall on Sabbath as it does this year — the entire Congregation assembles on the shore of a body of water for the saying of "tashlich." The word is derived from the Hebrew of the first word of the verse, "And thou shalt cast all thy sins into the depths of the sea." By this symbolic casting away of our sins, do we hope to arouse in every man the fervent desire for a repentance and spiritual redemption at this season of the year.

The Fast of Gedaliah

The fast, the day after Rosh Hashonah (Monday), commemorates the assassination of Gedaliah ben Ashikam, the last Jewish governor over Israel, after the destruction of the Temple. His assassination brought much sorrow to the Jewish people and marked, in addition, the end of one period of Jewish home rule in their own land.

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YOUNG MEN CONDUCT SABBATH MINCHA SERVICES

The young men of the congregation will resume the leadership of the Sabbath Mincha services as chazanim, and readers of the Torah in a short time.

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