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LAST CALL FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT OUR FESTIVALS IN OUR TALMUD TORAH



Classes Have Just Begun

We are happy to see many children enrolled in our Talmud Torah this year. It is an indication that our parents appreciate the importance of starting the Jewish education of their children at a young age — at a time when they are not confronted with Bar Mitzvah or advanced school work. In the younger classes, beginning with the age of 4 through 9, Jewish learning is combined with play and activities, in line with modern pedagogy. We hope that still more parents will take advantage of our facilities and register their children without delay in our Talmud Torah.

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.

Start the Jewish New Year right by registering your children in our progressive Hebrew School and Kindergarten. You will have the satisfaction that comes with seeing your children grow up to be both good Jews and loyal Americans.

It will be the pleasure of our Principal, Rabbi Reichel, to meet the parents of prospective pupils in our Talmud Torah and Sunday Morning Kindergarten.

Please call TR 7-8281 and arrange for an appointment at your convenience or stop by any school day afternoon.

Yom Kippur Begins This Sunday Evening; Succos Preparations Should Be Completed Now

With the coming of Yom Kippur, we all become aware that the festival of Succos is almost with us. Succos is one of the most beautiful holidays in the Jewish calendar. Its beauty can be enhanced if it is celebrated in the traditional manner, including meals in a succah and the purchase of a lulav and esrog.

A beautiful and traditional lulav and esrog can be obtained through our sexton, Rabbi Pekier. He can be reached at the synagogue office, TR 7-8281, or at his home in the evening, SC 4-5163. May we urge you to contact him at once.

Reservations for meals in our congregational succah should be made at once through the Synagogue Office. The charge is \$4 per person per meal. Meals will be served on holiday afternoons and evenings and in the evening during Chol Ha-Moed. In addition, breakfast is served in the Succah following the morning services during the week for a nominal charge.



Our Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh who will chant the traditional Kol Nidre in our Main Synagogue this Sunday evening, thus ushering in the fast of the Day of Atonement. Services are also held in the Social Hall and in the Manhattan Towers Hotel.

Shabbos Shuva

The Sabbath during the Ten Days of Penitence is known as Shabbos Shuva. This appellation is derived from the Haftorah (special prophetic reading) read on that Sabbath. In this portion from the book of Hosea, the prophet, in G-d's name, calls upon the people of Israel to atone for their sins and return unto the L-rd, for He will surely forgive them. The first word of the Haftorah is "Shuva" — Return (or repent) O Israel unto G-d. Rabbi Goldstein will deliver a special sermon on Shuva Saturday morning and Rabbi Reichel will deliver a Halachic Discourse, in the afternoon.

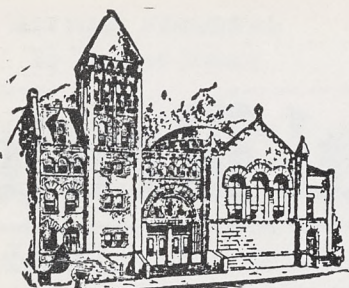
Yom Kippur Eve

The high-point of the penitential season of the year comes with the Day of Atonement. With the chanting of the Kol Nidre this Sunday evening, before sunset, we usher in this important day.

The spiritual preparation for the
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The whole Congregation mourns the loss of **Abraham Eisenman**, President of our Men's Club, whose piety, selflessness and genial personality will ever be remembered by by all who knew him. We extend our condolences to his bereaved widow.



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SCOUTING NEWS

We are happy to announce that we are reorganizing our Scout Troop for boys over 11 years of age. Those interested should leave a message for the Scoutmaster in Rabbi Reichel's office.

FROM OUR RABBIS' OUTGOING MAIL

I wish to certify that is a worshipper in our Synagogue and observes the Jewish Sabbath. According to Jewish Law, it is not permissible for our brethren to travel, write, or participate in secular activities from 20 minutes before sundown Friday, until Saturday night. I trust therefore, that will be excused from attending classes on Friday late afternoon sessions, when the time conflicts with the Sabbath.

It is my privilege to help in whatever way I can to promote observance of religion among our youth. I trust that you may find it possible to receive your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Editor's Note: Personalized letters will be written, by our Rabbis for those who wish to utilize them.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

A S H R E I (Cont'd)

"AND HIS TENDER MERCIES ARE OVER ALL HIS WORKS"

Therefore, we are commanded not to give pain even unto animals.

"ALL THY WORKS SHALL GIVE THANKS UNTO THEE, O LORD: AND THY LOVING ONES SHALL BLESS THEE"

It is natural, among all creatures, be they man or animal to be grateful at times for some kindness; but it is only the "Chasid", the "highly religious person" "the lover" of G-d who blesses Him even for woe. The Talmud has it "Just as we bless,

G-d for the good, so are we to bless Him for the evil." We must accept whatever G-d gives with a blessing. The mourner when he rends his garment, offers a blessing

ברוך - - - דין האמת

"Blessed be the true Judge"

"THEY SHALL SPEAK OF THE GLORY OF THY KINGDOM AND TALK OF THY POWER."

The "Chasid" the "lover of G-d" sees behind all occurrence the Glory of G-d's world, and His Power, and declares both, as we read in the next verse, "To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the majestic glory of His kingdom."

This may also be the basis of the prayer, after שמע ישראל "Hear O Israel" namely

ברוך שם כבוד מלכותו לעולם ועד

"Blessed be the Name, of His Glorious Kingdom forever and ever."

"THE LORD UPHOLDETH ALL THAT FALL, AND RAISETH UP THOSE THAT ARE BOWED DOWN."

Humility weighs heavily upon the scale of merit. Many a sin is erased by a tear falling from a contrite soul.

This Psalm is an acrostic from נ to ת. Now we should have the next verse begin with נ which however is omitted. The Talmud explains, that the נ stands for

נפילה referring to one's "down-fall." Therefore the next verse includes the נפילה in the words

סומך ה' לכל הנופלים

"The Lord upholdeth all that fall."

"THE LORD UPHOLDETH ALL THAT FALL AND RAISETH UP ALL THOSE THAT ARE BOWED DOWN."

Man's fall as a rule is of his own making, but he is raised by the power of G-d, as we read in Hallel "He raiseth up the lowly out of the dust, and lifteth up the needy from the dunghill" (Psalm 113 verse 7) This is an evidence of the nearness of G-d to man. He is a Personal G-d, G-d of Providence.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ARMED FORCES OR AT COLLEGE

We would like to send the W.S.I.S. Review to your children who are serving in the Armed Forces, or who are away at College. We believe that they would welcome it because they would want to know what is happening back home and at the W.S.I.S.

Kindly send us the following information: - - - - -

Name

Address

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Women's League

SUCCAH NOTES

Would you like to take an active part in our Succos celebration? Come and help us decorate our Succah on Thursday evening, September 29th at 7:30 o'clock. If you can donate greens, fruit or flowers, send it to our Synagogue. Our Succah chairmen will be glad to give you any further information that you may desire.

If you would like to assist in serving at the Kiddush following the Services in the Synagogue on Friday evening, September 30, Saturday noon and evening, October 1st, and Sunday noon October 2nd, please contact Mrs. Max Koch, chairman at TR 7-0690 or Mrs. Myron Friedlander co-chairman, at SU 7-1120.

YOM KIPPUR BEGINS THIS SUNDAY EVENING;

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Day of Atonement is most important. "The Day of Atonement will atone for sins between man and G-d, whether they be positive or negative commandments, but not for sins between man and man until the two (men) are reconciled to each other." (Yomah 85b)

Thus, every man is bidden to ask for forgiveness from those he has wronged. Conversely, it is incumbent upon each man to forgive all those who may have wronged him during the year.

Kol Nidre

The Kol Nidre formula, which gives the name to the entire Yom Kippur eve service, has a long and interesting history. It was originally suggested in Talmud Nedarim, not as a prayer, but as a legal declaration nullifying future vows of a personal nature, which involved only a person's individual interests. Contrary to the false accusations of Israel's enemies, it never had anything to do with governmental vows or secular promises.

Much of the fervor which has attached to the section, as well as the haunting melody associated with it, is said to be derived from the days of the Marranos of Spain. In reciting the prayer regarding vows, these unfortunate people were reminded of the oaths to strange religions that they were forced to take at the point of death.

Yom Kippur in History

The Sages in the Midrash say that Yom Kippur is especially fitting for the repentance of the people and for the forgiveness of G-d. For it was on this day, that G-d, at the intercession of Moses, forgave the people for the sin of the golden calf.

The Temple services for the day included many symbols of our hope for the L-rd's forgiveness. Extra sacrifices were offered and the high

CONDOLENCES

The West Side Institutional Synagogue together with the general Jewish Community records with deep sorrow the loss of **Philip Rothenberg**, brother of our member Sidney Rothenberg. The late Mr. Rothenberg was President of the Jewish Center for many years. We extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy.

Our heartfelt Sympathy to our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Esther Weiss, upon the loss of her brother.



priest made his annual entry into the Holy of Holies (see Leviticus 16). The description of these services form a part of the Mussaf service of Yom Kippur.

It was on Yom Kippur, too, that the year of jubilee (yovel) was proclaimed. It was at this time that the democratic Torah institution of the freeing of all slaves and the return of the ancestral lands would take place. There are some who hold that the sounding of the shofar at the conclusion of the day, is in commemoration of the sounding of the shofar for the jubilee year on Yom Kippur.

Neilah

The Yom Kippur services conclude with an extra prayer of Neilah. The service takes its name from the Hebrew phrase, "closing of the gates." Just as at this time, the city gates were closed, so too do we feel that the gates of the prayers of the Day of Atonement are drawing to a close. We take this last opportunity of the day to beseech the Almighty for forgiveness before our fates are sealed.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Tishre 7

Light candles before6:34
Evening service6:30

Saturday, Tishre 8

Shabbos Shuva

Weekly portion — Ha-a-zeenu
Deut. 32:1-52; Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 18:20
Morning Service9:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Mincha service6:15
Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter
Reader of Service: Samuel Ward
Followed by Rabbi Reichel's
Halachic Discourse

The Sabbath Terminates7:20

Sunday, Tishre 9

Erev Yom Kippur

Morning services and selichos6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha services from2:00 to 4:00
Light candles before6:32
Kol Nidre services6:35
Junior Congregations6:35

Monday, Tishre 10

Yom Kippur

Morning service8:20
Junior Congregation10:30
Yom Kippur terminates7:18

Weekday services, Tuesday to Friday

Mornings6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha6:55

REMINDER

Bring along your **non-leather** slippers or shoes to the Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Services.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

We are happy to welcome into our Congregational Family the following new members: Dr. Eric Adler, Mr. Alexander G. Blumberg, Mrs. Anna Diamond, Mrs. Saul Dreyer, Mr. Charles Friedman, Dr. Monroe Gaines, Dr. Henry Raphael Gold, Dr. Arthur H. Hecht, Mr. Otto Heitlinger, Mr. Morris Kantor, Mr. Max Kassirer, Mr. Jacob Klein, Mrs. Mary Lax, Mr. Irving Mehler, Mr. Nat N. Nast, Mr. Isaac Padawer, Mr. Emanuel Pressner, Dr. Meyer S. Robinson, Mr. Paul Rosenbaum, Mr. Eugene Spitz, Mrs. Ruth Spring and Mr. Paul Wertheimer . . . Welcome back from Israel Mrs. Fanny Wasserman and her daughter Bess, who visited with Rabbi Goldstein some of our Childrens Homes in Israel this past summer . . . Good to have back with us again Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg from points South & Mr. & Mrs. Warren Goldsmith and family as well as Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rosenberg from points West, all roads, of course, leading back to W.S.I.S. . . . All the best for a successful career to Elliot Wohl upon his graduation from the High School of Commerce and his matriculation at Hunter College . . . Lots of our best wishes, to our Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim and to our Director and Mrs. Abraham Druckman in their new homes . . . Our Congregational Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld upon the **engagement** of their son David Joshua to Lenore Ruth Lazarus . . . Mazel Tov to the grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Turtz upon the **birth** of twin babies, John Stewart and Beth to their children Dr. and Mrs. Arnold I. Turtz; and to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Katz upon the **birth** of a son . . . Many happy returns of their **Natal Days** to Judith Bernstein, Hyman Druker, Mrs. Morris Edelson, Mrs. Mae Feltman, Etta T. Gertz, Ellen May Greenfield, George Samuel Greenstein, Mrs. Jess E. Gross, Director H. William Hirsch, Joseph Moses, Philip Nager, Judith Neustadter, Ira Bruce Tum-powsky and our beloved President Lester Udell.

PLEASE NOTE!

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

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY TO OPEN SEASON

Members of the Mr. and Mrs. League and all other young married couples of the congregation are invited Sunday eve, October 2nd at 8:00 o'clock for an evening that promises a good time for all.

Not only will there be refreshments but unusual professional entertainment. The price is right — admission free.

Mrs. Jerry Chrein
Mrs. Dan Gribetz
Mr. Warren Schnur
Co-Chairmen

INFORMATION FOR DRAFTEES

Jewish registrants ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination or induction during the High Holy Days period may request deferment until after Succot, Selective Service System Headquarters in Washington, D.C., has announced. In an official communication, General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, has asked all local draft boards to give "favorable consideration whenever possible" to requests by Jewish registrants for deferments if examination or induction is scheduled for the Holidays. The communication received is Selective Service Operations Bulletin No. 81, entitled "Jewish Holy Days."

Registrants must make their request for postponement of physical examinations or inducts directly to their local draft boards. The Armed Forces Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America is prepared to assist whenever necessary.

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INTERESTING NEWS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OVER 13

We are happy to announce that the post Bar Mitzvah Club for boys and girls is expanding its program for the coming season. It was agreed upon by the group before the summer that this year it would meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 o'clock for a class in "Judaism Today" with Rabbi Goldstein. Following the class, the boys and girls will meet in the game room for a recreational program under the supervision of a dynamic and popular group leader.

The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 10th at 7:30 o'clock.

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.

Rabbi Reichel will be glad to add the name of any young man who is interested in joining in this important activity to the list of participants.

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