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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES



Please Tell Your Friends

We are happy to announce the formation of four **beginners' classes** in our Hebrew School this season

- 1) 4 and 5 yr. olds (**Sunday Kindergarten**)
- 2) 6 and 7 year olds
- 3) 8 to 10 year olds
- 4) above 10 years old

These are in addition to our advanced classes. Inasmuch as sessions have already begun we will have to close registration very shortly.

If you have any questions about registration, please do not hesitate to call our Principal immediately at the Synagogue or write Rabbi Reichel and he will be glad to contact you.

WSIS Club Activities Available For All Ages

We are indeed happy that our Synagogue's Social Department is coming ever closer to its goal of "a group for all from 8 to 80." Several of our clubs and groups are now beginning their season's activities, and in addition, two new groups are in the process of formation.

We list below, for the information of our readers, the activities of the various groups.

Collegiates

The Collegiates' Reunion, its first activity of the new year, will be held on Friday evening, September 30, the first night of Succos. The group will meet at 8:45 P.M. in the Succah of our Synagogue.

Post-Bar Mitzvahites

This group is for boys and girls over the age of 13. It will hold its

This evening, we usher in the Festival of Succos. This is one of the three "regalim" or festivals of pil-



first meeting of the year on Monday evening, October 10 at 7:30 P.M.

The "Teeners"

This year we hope to organize a new group for boys of 15 and 16 years old and girls from 14 to 16. Anyone interested in participating or in helping in planning for the club's activities is asked to leave a note for Rabbi Reichel.

Senior League

Young people over the age of 23 are eligible to join this club which will meet this month.

Junior League

Another new group which will be formed this year will include young ladies from the age of 19 to 21 and young men from the age of 21 to 23. Those interested in such a group are urged to contact Rabbi Reichel.

An Open Letter To The Congregation

To our fellow congregants:

We would like to call to your attention a matter which is of much concern to us, namely that of synagogue decorum. Ours, thank G-d, is a large congregation and we must be doubly watchful to deep the synagogue what it should be, a place of prayer and worship.

We, therefore, request all our worshippers to observe the following Rules:

1. All the halls of the Synagogue must remain cleared at all times.
2. During the reading of the Torah, no one should go to his seat but rather wait silently until the end of the "aliyah" in the rear of the synagogue.
3. There is to be no talking during the prayer service.
4. While the Rabbis are speaking, the doors are to remain closed and no one is to be allowed to enter or to leave.

Our Board of Ushers is making every effort to maintain the proper standard of decorum in the Synagogue. Please give them your every cooperation.

SUCCOS NOTES

grimage when the Jews would go to Jerusalem and the Temple from all parts of the land and the world.

Succos is said to be the happiest of the three festivals, for the harvest had already been completed. Religiously, too, it is a happy festival for the people have safely passed the trying times of the High Holidays, with their fasting and prayer.

In the days of the Temple, the joyousness of the holiday was appropriately marked by large numbers of rituals and sacrifices. During the Succos holiday, there took place the "simchas beth ha-shoevah," the Festival of the Drawing of the Water. Our Sages have said that he who had not seen this celebration had never seen real happiness in his life.

The Succah

The name of the holiday is derived from the Hebrew word, "Succah," meaning booth or small hut. (Continued on Page 3)

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein ask every member and worshipper in our Congregation

to regard this as

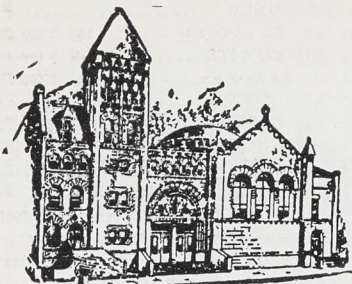
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MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE SUCCOTH PARTY THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

The Mr. and Mrs. League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, invite all their members and friends to their first Get-Together of the season, Sunday evening, October 2nd, at 8:30 P.M.

A good time is in store for all, with "The Prince of Jewish Humor," Is Bookbinder, on hand to entertain us. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Be with us for an evening of fun.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Shemini Atzeres, Saturday, October 8th, 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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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Ashray (Cont'd)

"THE EYES OF ALL WAIT UPON THEE: AND THOU
GIVEST THEM THEIR FOOD IN DUE SEASON."

We look expectantly to G-d for sustenance. We receive it just in time. It comes sometimes at the last possible moment, but it does come.

"THOU OPENST THINE HAND, AND SATISFIEST
- EVERY LIVING THING WITH FAVOR."

Sometimes a lack of abundance may be for our favor. It may be for our health physically, thru moderation. It may be for our good

spiritually, thru humility. Thus we read in the next verse, "The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and loving in all His works."

"THE LORD IS NIGH TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM,
TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM IN TRUTH."

Not lip service is efficacious in prayer, but genuine faith. Those who sincerely call upon G-d, and rest their case fully with Him, will find their prayers answered for their good.

"HE WILL FULFILL THE DESIRE OF THEM THAT FEAR HIM:
HE WILL HEAR THEIR CRY AND SAVE THEM"

Those who are attached to G-d, merely out of fear, and not out of love, their deliverance comes only after they fervently plead for help, as we do to a fearful child.

"THE LORD GUARDETH ALL THEM THAT LOVE HIM,
BUT ALL THE WICKED HE WILL DESTROY"

The side of those who love G-d, always, without exception, wins out in the end. So also is the reverse true, that the side of the wicked, must be destroyed. The word שומר

also means, "He watches over", or "take cognizance of" as in the case of Jacob שמר את הדבר "and Jacob took cognizance of the matter." Gen. 37:11

"LET ALL FLESH BLESS HIS HOLY NAME FOR EVER AND EVER."

One of the most striking features of this Psalm is its Universalism. The Psalm begins with a chorus of praise of G-d on the part of the people of Israel, but Israel is not content until all mankind joins in praise. Note

that the word כל "All" is repeated by the Psalmist 12 times in the closing verses of this Psalm indicating our concern, not only for Israel but for all mankind.

"BUT WE WILL BLESS THE LORD HALLELUYAH."

Just as the first verse of אשרי does not belong to the Psalm, so the last verse does not belong to it. The first verse is a call for meditation before the prayer. The last verse was added to close this prayer with Halleluyah "Praised be G-d", as do the succeeding five. (See Psalm 115 verse 18). Furthermore the word ונאמנה "We" stands out prominently. It is a follow-up upon the preceding verse in reference to כל "All mankind." Whether all

mankind will bless the Lord, or not, "as for us, WE will bless the Lord for ever and ever." It is interesting to note that the verse preceding this in the Hallel, Psalm 115:17, "As for the dead they praise not the Lord," but our verse 18, "But as for us, (the living) we will, (it is our duty, privilege, and opportunity to) praise the L-rd." If some of the living refuse, and the dead cannot, yet, we, WILL praise the Lord.

RABBI REICHEL RESUMES SATURDAY MISHNA CLASS

Beginning this Saturday afternoon, Rabbi Reichel will resume the popular Mishna Class which he conducts one hour before Mincha every Saturday. The class is conducted in English and opportunity for discus-

sion is provided for those present.

Young people especially are urged to attend this class which will cover an interesting portion of the Mishna.

Succos Notes

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In such structures Jews are commanded to "live" for the period of the holiday. Thus every effort should be made to eat in the Succah and spend therein some part of the day as well.

The succah is symbolic of our trials in becoming a nation and of our very existence. With G-d's protection we are safe in the frail succah, but without Him, we are in danger even in the strongest structure.

The Lulav

Part of the traditional observance of the holiday is the "taking" of the four species of plants: the lulav (palm branch), the esrog (citron), the myrtle and the willow. The blessing, al netilas lulav, is made over these four every day of the holiday, except the Sabbath.

The taking of the four species serve to represent the bounty of the Almighty's blessings. Likewise they recall the beautiful Temple ceremonies with the processions round about the altar.

Chol HaMoed

The intermediate days of the festival are known as Chol HaMoed. Although most forms of work are permitted, still the spirit of Yom Tov should prevail.

During the morning services, spe-

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL MEETS ENCOURAGING RESPONSE

At our Synagogue's Yom Kippur services, last Sunday and Monday, the traditional appeals were made by our officers and Rabbis for funds for our institution. The appeals in all three of our services, met with most encouraging responses.

Our president, Lester Udell, stressed the fact that the W.S.I.S. depends on each and every one of its members and worshippers. If you

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cial prayers, called hoshanos are recited. Those with a lulav and esrog join in a procession around the synagogue. The prayers and procession, date to the days of the Temple. The word "hoshano" means "O save us."

The end of the Succos holiday itself is marked by the semi-holiday of Hoshana Rabba (the Great Hoshana) which will take place this year on Friday. Tradition assigns to it the final closing of the "books of judgement" for the new year.

Tikkun Hoshana Rabba

On the eve of Hashana Rabba, it is the custom to read the book of Deuteronomy as preparation for what is considered the final day of the penitential season. We will meet in the Synagogue at 9 P.M. to read the book and the other related selections from the Sacred writings.

SUCCAH BREAKFASTS

For the convenience of our morning worshippers, breakfasts will be served in the Succah during the week of Chol HaMoed following each of the morning services. There is a nominal charge for the breakfast.

were away for the High Holidays, or for some reason did not make any pledge at the appeal, we trust that you will not forget to send your contribution to the Synagogue Office, as many have already done.

Only with the financial help of all our friends can the W.S.I.S. continue its many varied activities and services to the community. We hope you will aid us.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Tishre 14

Erev Succos

Light candles up to6:22
Evening service6:20

Saturday, Tishre 15

First Day Succos — Yom Tov

Morning service9:00
Junior Congregations10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 5:20
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class5:20
Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class 5:20
Mincha service6:20
Light candles after7:15

Sunday, Tishre 16

Second Day Succos — Yom Tov

Morning service9:00
Junior Congregations10:30
Talmud classes5:30
Mincha service6:30
The Holiday terminates.....7:10

Monday through Thursday

Chol HaMoed Succos

Morning Services 6:30, 7:30, 8:15
Mincha service6:20

Thursday, Tishre 20

Erev Hoshana Rabba

Tikun Hoshana Rabba at
night9:00

Friday, Tishre 21

Hoshana Rabba

Morning services6:15, 7:15

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Philip Gertner, upon the passing of his brother, **Maurice**.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our High Holy Days Services were deeply inspiring and moving, particularly to the mind and to the heart that were responsive. Officiating were our beloved Rabbis Herbert S. Goldstein and O. Asher Reichel, who delivered stirring and meaningful messages, and our golden voiced Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh, whose chanting gave perfect expression to the solemnity of the occasion. Mr. Israel Kestenbaum excelled as usual in the sounding of the Shofar . . . It was gratifying to have at our Services our Honorary Vice President and Mrs. Max E. Sanders and our Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort, all from distant California . . . Our welcome mat was spread out for the return to us of our Director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rotto and Mr. and Mrs. Serge Oksenbergs from Europe, and to Ned Kirsh who was visiting Alaska this summer. Happy sojourning to Isidore Ratzesdorfer, our roving Ambassador in Belgium and to our Director and Mrs. Jean Goldwurm in Europe . . . The beauty of our High Holy Days Services in the Manhattan Towers was given added lustre by the Ark which was donated by our Director A. M. Druckman in memory of his parents, and the Curtain of the Ark, which was given by Mr. Irving Silver in memory of his wife. To these their gracious donors our heartfelt thanks. For our beautiful new Torah mantles our thanks to our Director and Mrs. H. William Hirsch and Mr. Alexander Kirsh who made the donations in memory of their parents . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to the grandfather Mr. J. Steinman upon the **birth** of Ellen Sue to his children Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Borkan; to our Director and Mrs. Harry Mirken upon the **birth** of Leslie Jill to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Mirken; to Mr. Max Frank upon the **birth** of Louise Judith to his children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. Levine; to Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Schwartz, upon the **birth** of Cynthia to their children Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schwartz; and to Mr.

and Mrs. Samuel Insdorf upon the **birth** of a boy Michael Allen to their children Mr. and Mrs. Fred Insdorf . . . Welcome into our Congregational Family as new members to Messrs. Leon Dimston and Saul Goldfarb . . . **Wedding anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Frankel and Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan . . . Many Happy Returns of their **birthdays** to Mrs. Jacob Bayer, Mrs. Julius Bayer, Dr. David Beilock, Sylvia Jacoby, Gary Seth Kantrowitz, Mrs. Leon Kantrowitz, Mrs. Lenore Kaplan Finkelstein, Rev. Chaim Shapiro and Albert Schmeidler.

MEN'S CLUB OPENING MEETING MONDAY NIGHT, OCT. 10

Mr. Fred Heiser, Acting President of our Men's Club, has announced that the opening meeting of the season of the Men's Club will be held on Monday night, October 10, in our Synagogue Building.

All the men of the congregation, including our new worshippers from all of our Holyday services, are cordially invited to attend this opening meeting. At that time, plans will be made for the forthcoming year of Men's Club activities.

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Mr. Alexander Kirsh, co-chairman, deserves recognition not only for his devotion to his task, but also for his daily attendance and personal interest in the work of his committee.

Mr. Leon Herman has to be given credit for leading the ritual proceedings in a very dignified and impressive manner and likewise Mr. Fred Heiser for his distribution of the honors.

On the Committee in charge of the arrangements were Messrs. Al Braff, Joseph Buchsbaum, Bennett Carter, Herman H. Cohen, Myron Friedlander, Jacob Goldberg, Hyman B. Gordon, Leon Herman, Fred Heiser, H. William Hirsch, Max Selsky, Irving Silver and Frank Taks. Mr. Irving Silver, a member of the Men's Club, officiated as Cantor.

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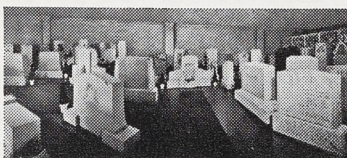
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