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Messrs. Kaplan, Zimmer and Linker Chosen as Chasanim; Children Especially Invited to Closing Holiday Services



Jacob Kaplan



Max L. Zimmer



Mark Linker

Simchas Torah is a most important holiday for the children.

We cannot urge you too strongly, therefore, to bring your children and grandchildren to our Simchas Torah services this Saturday night. Services will begin at about 6:30.

The children, who are always welcome in our Synagogue, are the special guests on this night. In honor of the occasion, they will receive a small Torah which they can carry with them in the procession as well as sweets, both possible through the generosity of our Women's League.

The children are asked to assemble in the Daily Synagogue at 6:30. There they will receive their Torahs and will march into the main Synagogue together.

We are very happy to announce the names of those chosen by our Synagogue to represent us all at the annual Simchas Torah ceremonial of closing out the year's reading of the Torah and beginning it anew immediately.

Our Director Jacob Kaplan has been chosen as Chasan Torah, who has the honor of receiving the last "aliyah" in the Book of Deuteronomy. Long a worker for our Synagogue and UJA, Mr. Kaplan is certainly deserving of this honor.

Another Director, Mr. Max J. Zimmer, will receive the first "aliyah" in the Book of Genesis, and is thus the Chasan Bereshis. A relative newcomer to our congregation, Mr. Zimmer has already shown himself interested and active in our work.

The Chasan Maftir, who reads from the Book of Joshua, the prophetic portion for Simchas Torah, will be Mr. Mark Linker. He is one of the younger members of our congregation but is a regular and faithful participant in our synagogue services.

We wish all the Chasanim a mazel tov on their receipt of their respective honors and hope that they will receive many such honors for many years, please G-d.

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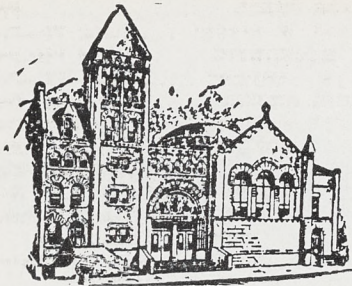
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Men's Club

Opening Meeting

The Acting President of our Men's Club, Mr. Fred Heiser, reminds all the men of our congregation of the forthcoming opening meeting of the Men's Club. The meeting will take place on Monday evening, October 10, in our Synagogue Building.



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HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!



New Classes Open for Beginners in our Talmud Torah

We salute the parents in our community who are taking advantage of our facilities and are enrolling their children in the special beginners classes.

We urge our readers to bring this notice to the attention of their relatives and neighbors who have children between the ages of 4 and 12 years who do not attend any Talmud Torah as yet.

We have three special beginners classes for three respective levels, as well as a **Sunday morning session for children 4 to 6.**

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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise — The 146th Psalm

This Psalm calls for man to put his trust in G-d and not in man.

(3). "PUT NOT YOUR TRUST IN A SON OF MAN, IN WHOM THERE IS NO HELP."

Our Rabbis ironically put it this way שֶׁאֵין לוֹ תְּשׁוּעָה
"who cannot help himself." If one cannot help himself, how can he be the source of help to, or for others.

(4). תְּצַד רִחוּן "WHEN HIS SPIRIT LEAVES HIM."

Some of our teachers, render this allegorically, as meaning, when "a man's spirit", (his good intention) leaves him, he returns to the mundane. How many times a person, in high position, makes a fine, or a

noble promise, — but as soon as it leaves him, he becomes cold. On that very day "his (noble) thoughts perish. Oh, how true this all is, and how disappointing it is, to put one's faith and trust in MAN.

(5). "HAPPY IS HE THAT HATH THE G-D OF JACOB AS HIS HELP"

Jacob is singled out here, because of his exemplary trust in G-d. When he left his parents' home, he was laden with wealth. On the road, he was attacked by Eliphaz, and stripped of all he had. He was left destitute, and had to sleep upon a

stone as his pillow. He had nothing left, with which to acquire a wife. The purpose of his mission seemed defeated, but he did not turn backwards, but went straight ahead, trusting in G-d, for help to carry out his mission.

(6). "WHO KEEPETH TRUTH FOREVER."

G-d, who is the seal of truth (see Talmud Sanhedrin 7) sees to it, that truth shall prevail. The history of the Jewish people, is eloquent evidence to this fact. Falsehood, may stride

about with head upraised, as it is victorious, yet truth will prevail, and falsehood, and its representatives will be put to shame, and ignominy.

(7). "WHO GIVETH FOOD TO THE RAVENS."

Even the birds receive their sustenance, through Divine Providence.

(8). "THE LORD GUARDETH THE STRANGERS."

There is no commandment found so often in Scriptures, as the behest to take utmost care of the **stranger**. Judaism as a religion of law, goes beyond any other religion in its regard for the stranger. It not only bids tolerance to, and fair-play for the stranger, but commands us 36 times in the Hebrew Scriptures וְאָהַבְתָּם אֶת הַגֵּר "And thou shalt LOVE the stranger." No other code or religion stressed this commandment to this extent. Perhaps this is the reason, why the world acted so niggardly and tardily toward the D.P.'s in the camps, after World II. "The STRANGER and the FATHERLESS," are synonymous for Israel, uncared for and defenseless. Yet they enjoy Divine protection. "The WIDOW" refers to the Holy Land, which is at present deserted from the Divine Presence, by reason of the Destruction of the Temple. But the Psalmist declares, thru Divine inspiration, that,

(9). "THE LORD SHALL REIGN FOREVER, THY G-D, O ZION, UNTO ALL GENERATIONS."

The "Widow" shall again be spiritually re-wed. She shall be restored to her former glory forever.

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MAZEL TOV



Paula Goldberg

Our heartiest mazel tov to our Men's Club Secretary Jacob Goldberg and Mrs. Goldberg upon the engagement of their daughter, Paula, to Elliot Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thiel Nelson, of Brooklyn.

Paula graduated from the Bronx High School of Science and is at present attending City College. She is a regular worshipper at our services.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from the Philadelphia Textile Institute and is now a textile research chemist with Interchemical Corporation.

ADULT COURSES IN HEBREW AND JEWISH CULTURE TO BE OFFERED IN OUR LAYMAN'S INSTITUTE

PROF. SIDNEY B. HOENIG TO BE GUEST LECTURER IN JEWISH HISTORY

We are happy to announce that Professor Sidney B. Hoenig of Yeshiva University will resume his lectures on Jewish History. Further details will be announced in the next issue.

Our members and readers again have a wonderful opportunity to study the Hebrew Language as it is spoken in the land of Israel. Adult classes will be available for Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced Hebrew Conversation.

Inasmuch as the Hebrew Classes will be offered only on such levels for which there will be sufficient registration our readers are urged to mail the attached coupon at once.

There will be a nominal registration fee.

Women's League Notes

Mrs. Jacob Goodman To Be Hostess

The entire Executive Board of our Women's League is invited to a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Jacob Goodman, 40 West 77th Street, on October 10, at 12:30 P.M.

An important meeting of the Board will follow the Luncheon. All Board members are urgently requested to attend.

POST BAR MITZVAHITES FIRST MEETING MONDAY

The first meeting of the Post Bar Mitzvahites, boys and girls over the age of 13, will take place this Monday evening, October 10, beginning 7:30 P.M.

By popular request, Rabbi Goldstein will continue his round-table discussions on the "Various Aspects of Judaism." The group will also meet the new Club Leader who is to take charge of the social hour activities which follow the weekly meetings.

We look forward to a large turnout for the first meeting as we are sure that all who attend will thoroughly enjoy themselves.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Tishre 21

Hoshana Rabbah

Light candles before6:09
Evening service6:00

Saturday, Tishre 22

Shemini Atzeres

Morning service8:00
Yizkor Prayers are included
Junior Congregations10:30
Mincha services6:00
Light candles after7:01
The Sabbath terminates7:01

Sunday, Tishre 23

Simchas Torah

Morning service8:30
Mincha service6:30
The Holiday terminates6:59

Weekday services

Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha6:15

Followed by the explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Millie Barbin, upon the loss of her husband, Harry; and to Bessie Eisenstein upon the loss of her husband, Morris.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

A vote of thanks is due to the tireless efforts of Director and Usher in-Chief Max Lazarus and his able staff consisting of our Director Moses J. Berlin, Jules Cohen, Morty Cohen, Jack Golden, Jack Goodman, Marvin Livingston, Jules Mogul, Herbert Perlman and Samuel Ward. Our overflow services were ably directed by Messrs. Alexander Golden and Gabriel F. Goldstein, and ushered by Ned Kirsh and Isaac Perlman . . . We ask the women to cooperate with our young usherettes Ronnie Cohen, Bernice Goldberg, Barbara Hecht, Ceil Miller and Barbara Shalita . . . Presiding at the five extra Yizkor Services were Directors Harry Appel, Max Lazarus, Moe Oltarsh and Ye Columnist . . . We were honored at our Services with the presence of Mr. Mordecai Arye, a member of the Iranian Parliament . . . We again thank Willie of the Plaza Fruit Market for his generous donation of fruits and vegetables for our Succah . . . Happy to hear that our Director, Joseph Anderson, is feeling better . . . Good to have back with us Leisha Langer after his stint in the Armed Forces . . . Welcome home to Director and Mrs. Irving Streit from their recent trip to Europe and from Israel and Europe to Miss Ilah Klein, Mrs. Golda Silberman and her son Michael . . . Our heartiest congratulations to Stanley Alt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Alt, upon his passing the New York Bar examinations . . . All best wishes in their new home to our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel; and to our member Dr. Louis Wexler in his new office . . . Our Congregational Citation of Merit to Ye Columnist's son Stephen, who was elected by and of the Council of Class Presidents of the Afternoon Division of Midwood High School . . . **Wedding Anniversary greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blankfort and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Friedlander . . . Many happy returns of their **natal days** to I. J. Bernstein, Gail Allison Barsky, Mrs. Betty Cohen, Mrs. Max Dabek, Daniel C. Davis, Mrs. Samuel Gardner, Laura Kamer-

Shemini Atzeres

The last two days of the holiday season are a separate holiday. Succos ends with Hoshano Rabbah, and Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah are a separate holiday.

The Sages in the Midrash give a beautiful parable to explain the holiday's date: "A king invited his children to a feast. After a few days, when the day of departure had arrived, the king says to his children, 'I beg of you stay another day, the separation from you is too hard.'" So it is with Israel and the L-rd.

Maimonides gives the additional reason that the extra holiday was necessary to complete our rejoicing which could not be perfect in merely booths (succos) but in comfortable and well-built houses.

Special Prayers

On the Sabbath of the Festival, this year on Shemini Atzeres (because it falls on Sabbath), we read Koheleth, or Ecclesiastes.

The pessimistic and even cynical nature of some parts of the work prompted some of our Sages to suggest that it be excluded from the

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Holy Writ. It ends however with the injunction: "Fear G-d and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man," and it was therefore included in the Scriptures and the services.

On Shemini Atzeres we say the prayer for rain which is vital to the Holy Land in its winter season.



Simchas Torah

The last day of the holiday season is one of the most joyous in the Jewish calendar. It is the day of the Rejoicing of the Law when we end and begin immediately the cycle of the Torah. By this immediate beginning, our Rabbis say, we show that the Torah is not something old and outdated to us, but is something fresh which we renew each year.

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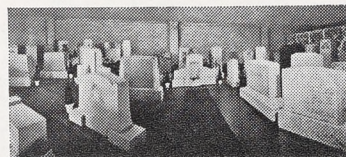
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