

West Side Institutional Review

Only a Month Remains for Our Final Effort for Souvenir Album

To be Presented to Our Man of the Year, Vice-President Max Moskowitz

The presentation of this year's Souvenir Album to our Man of the Year, Vice-President Max Moskowitz, will take place in our Synagogue on Tuesday evening, June 19. In order to have the Album properly printed and prepared for presentation at that time, it is essen-

tial that we submit all our material to the printer within the next few weeks. We pass this information on to you, our readers, to remind you that if you have not as yet inserted your greetings in this year's Souvenir Album, you had best do so as soon as possible.

There is no one in the congregation, we are sure, who does not wish to do tribute to Mr. Max Moskowitz, the ideals he stands for, and the kind of work he has done. That "service merits recognition" no one can deny. Mr. Moskowitz has consistently given the kind of service that the friends of our congregation ought to encourage by paying tribute to it. A greeting in the 1956 Souvenir Album will surely serve this purpose.

At the same time, all of the friends of the W.S.I.S. who place their greetings, of whatever size, in the Album will be lending their support to our institution and the kind of activities that it sponsors. We are sure that every person who reads this Review has at one time or another found the Synagogue of service to him in some way. It is surely not too much to ask that each person now return that assistance in this tangible way.

The committee in charge of this year's Souvenir Album has called for 100% participation. We hope that they will not be disappointed. Call the Synagogue Office today.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING HOLDS SECOND NOMINATIONS

At this week's regular meeting of the Men's Club, to be held on Monday evening, May 7, the second nominations for officers for the coming year will be held. It is important, therefore, that all the men of our congregation who are interested in the work of the Club attend the meeting and participate.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 o'clock in our Synagogue Building.

JWV MEETING THIS WEEK

A meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans will be held this Wednesday evening, May 9, Commander Marvin Padover has announced. The meeting will begin at 8:30 o'clock and all the veterans of the congregation are cordially urged to attend the meeting and participate in the activities of the Post.

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO ATTEND

The W.S.I.S. Dinner on behalf of
the United Jewish Appeal Campaign of 1956
honoring our fellow-worker and colleague



DIRECTOR JOSEPH SETTEL

Wednesday, May 9, at the Hotel Esplanade, at 6:00 P.M.

Men and women are cordially invited to attend

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We cannot let them down



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SUNDAY MAY 20th

There will be a gay time May 20th and here is the reason The Mr. and Mrs. League is closing the season With cocktails and supper entertainment and prizes Fun and more fun and many surprises.

(Mail your reservations now)

POST BAR MITZVAH CLUB

Girls and boys over thirteen years of age are invited to join the Post Bar Mitzvah Club. Mr. Samuel Ward is the Club Advisor. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 7th at 8 P.M.

STAMP CLUB TO MEET

This Monday evening, May 7, our Stamp Club will hold its regular meeting, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Philatelists, both young and old, are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL PASSOVER YIZKOR APPEAL DONORS

Dr. Adolph Berger, Samuel Blumberg, Hyman B. Gordon, Mrs. Janet Jacobowitz, Abraham Kuber, Jack Spiro, Samuel Schwarzman, Otto Vorgang.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our director, Mr. William L. Bassar upon the passing of his sister Bertha; and to our member, Mr. S. D. Levy, upon the passing of his mother, Ray Levy.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Blessings Before The 'Shma'

"AND MAKE US GO UPRIGHT TO OUR LAND".

Our going back should not be one of "hat in hand" policy of begging, but due to an internationally recognized right to go back to our ancestral home. (This comment was written before the United Nations came into existence).

"AND BROUGHT US NEAR".

By selecting us as the Chosen people.

"IN TRUTH".

Not because we were the greatest in number. We were the fewest in number. It was only after the other nations failed to accept the morality of the Commandments did Israel become the special object of G-d's love.

"AND PROCLAIM THY UNITY".

This is the ultimate of spiritual evolution — which, we will soon proclaim in the "shma" prayer.

"IN LOVE".

This prayer closes as it began on the high note of reciprocal love.

The Shma

"G-D, THE FAITHFUL KING".

The first letters of these three Hebrew words — spell "Amen" — which has been explained heretofore, with regard to the prayer "Blessed be the Lord forever — Amen and Amen". These three words are said when the "Shma" is recited privately. There are 245 words in the "Shma", and when we add the three words, we have 248, according to the number of the limbs of the body. When we pray with a Minyan, the Reader recites the three

words אלהים אחד to make up the number 248.

As a matter of fact, there are 613 Commandments in the Torah — 248 positive and 365 negative ones. — The 248 positive Commandments have an influence upon the 248 organs of the body, upon its ligaments. — There is no better hygiene for the body than moral purity, with G-d as the Physician ("For I am the Lord your healer", (Exodus 15:26), giving us the proper prescription.

"HEAR O ISRAEL THE LORD OUR G-D, THE LORD IS ONE".

Not three, nor any other number, but ONE. To make G-d a partner with others, denies His Omnipotence and pure Monotheism. This is Israel's confession of Faith — which he proclaims daily, and also on his death bed. Israel has lived and died for the purity of this Faith.

as ONE, and his Name — ONE" (Zachariah, Chapter 14, verse 9).

We close our eyes, when saying the "Shma", so as to exclude anything that may distract us, from complete concentration in repeating this formula of our Faith.

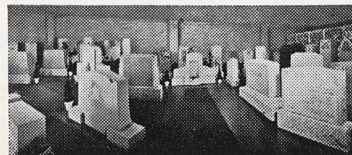
In this verse there are two letters written in larger type than the others, namely the "ayen" and the "daled". These two letters joined together, make the word "Ei-d" which means "witness". Israel is G-d's witness, as we read in the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 43, verses 10 and 13, "Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord . . . that I am G-d".

Both the Prophets Zephaniah and Zachariah have struck the same note, as we read "Yea, then, will I change unto the people, a pure language, that they shall call on the Name of the Lord, to serve Him, with one accord. (Zephariah, Chapter 3, verse 4) and "And the Lord will be King over all the earth: on that day the Lord shall be acknowledged

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TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Stewart Handler

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. George Handler, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Stewart, which will be celebrated at our Services tomorrow morning.

Stewart is a pupil in our Hebrew School.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Shavuot Festival this year will be on Wednesday and Thursday, May 16th and 17th. Rabbi Reichel has made available, for our young people, an appropriate letter addressed to the school principals requesting them to excuse Jewish students who will be absent on these two days.

THE FRIDAY CHUMOSH CLASS

... will recess for the summer, due to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Israel Kestenbaum announced.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Iyar 23

Light candles before7:34
 Evening service6:30
 Count Omer 39
 Those who attend our services at this time should repeat the full "Shma" again after dark.

Saturday, Iyar 24

Weekly portion: B'har-B'Chukohsei

Leviticus 25:1-27:34
 Jeremiah 16:19-21; 17:1-14

Prayers for the New Month of Sivan

Morning service9:00
 Junior congregations10:30
 Chazanim: Stanley Klein, Michael Rosenberg

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) ...3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ...6:00

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class6:00

Mincha7:00

Reader of Torah: Stanley Kaplan
 Reader of Service: Shelly Schneider
 Saying of the Fathers — Chapter 5

The Sabbath terminates8:22

Sunday, Iyar 25

Morning services7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Daily Services

Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30
 Mincha7:45

Friday, Sivan 1 — Rosh Chodesh

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

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THE CRISIS IN ISRAEL DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION

Our Dinner for the United Jewish Appeal will take place on Wednesday evening, May 9. Have you made your reservation? You should be there to be counted as one who is ready to do his share so that Israel will be able to defend herself and survive.

In a letter received from Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal, he writes:

"In Israel, the program I described to you in my last letter is going on: stockpiling of food and fuel, dispersal of storage facilities, additional electric generator stations, and the construction of trenches and air-raid shelters for defense. Mr. Ben-Gurion himself, as well as other government and army officials, spent a whole day recently at a border settlement strengthening the defenses. News-reel cameras all over the world showed Ben-Gurion stringing barbed wire on stakes for a perimeter defense system. Haifa had a full-scale air-raid drill two weeks ago, in which all traffic stopped, people took shelter, the wardens came out, and the civil defense apparatus was tested.

"We can only watch and wait, but meanwhile our task should be more strikingly clear to us with

each passing day. These are the facts of life in Israel today. While the people of Israel are faced with problems of defense, they are unable to deal with mass immigration or other great humanitarian needs. We, the Jews of America, should take every possible step to raise as much money as we humanly can. Money can mean the reduction of suffering; the maintenance of new villages on the border; the quicker absorption of immigrants. Money can prevent break-down and can sustain courage."

Don't ignore this appeal. Every Jew who believes that Israel should be allowed to live, and exist, must help according to his means.

Both men and women are invited to our UJA dinner. Our guest of honor this year will be our friend and colleague, Mr. Joseph Settel, who has always been very active in our UJA drive in our Synagogue.

The dinner will take place Wednesday evening, May 9, at 6 P.M. at the Esplanade Hotel, West End Avenue and 74th Street. Please call Mr. Morris Jablow at the Synagogue and tell him that you will be present.

Jacob Kaplan, Chairman

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

The following pupils of our Hebrew School had the unusual good fortune of being the guests of the Israeli Consulate at a reception given by it in honor of Israel Independence Day: George Burak, Pamela Gross, Adam Kertesz, Francine Pretner and Amy Rubio . . . Happy to have home again from Florida Director and Mrs. George Pauker, and from his two months trip abroad Mr. Fred Hausdorff . . . Good to see at our last Sabbath services Mr. Samuel Klein after his recent siege of illness . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Samuel Schwarzman . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to our members Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirsch upon the marriage of their daughter Audrey to Ira Sprung, son of Mrs. Celia Sprung and the late Mr. Harry Sprung. Mrs. Kirsch, incidentally, is one of the active members of our Women's League Executive Board . . . Good to hear that Mr. Oscar Wachtel recovered from his recent illness . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Leff upon the birth of twin grandchildren in England. Mrs. Leff left for England to be there for the bris.

Birthday Greetings**May**

- 4—Mrs. George L. Livingston
Mrs. Sol Redlich
- 7—Director Jess Ward
- 8—Robert Hofbauer
- 9—Mrs. Pauline Barnett
Mrs. Estelle Baskowitz
Judy Greer

Wedding Anniversary Greetings**May**

- 4—Mr. & Mrs. Edward Weinstein
- 10—Director & Mrs. Sol Bellsey

UNVEILING

The unveiling of the monument in memory of Mrs. Zelda Reisman, mother of our member, Mr. Louis Reisman and Anna Belle and Minna Reisman, will take place on Sunday, May 6th at 3 P.M., at Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

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Our Women's League**SPRING LUNCHEON TO BE HELD MAY 28**

Another name has been added to our Honor Roll of capable and conscientious Executive Board members. This time it is our enthusiastic Madeline Gittler who is the chairman of our closing function of the season — a year which has been a "banner" one, both financially and socially, thanks to the wholehearted co-operation we have received from all our members and their friends.

At this Spring Luncheon, we are awarding "Oscars" to four of our "Outstanding Supporting Players," four women who have worked behind the scenes continually and who have given their time and services over and over again. More details will appear about them later.

Mrs. Gittler has made elaborate luncheon arrangements at the beautiful Olcott Hotel, on West 72nd Street, for May 28th. Please mark this date on your calendar now.

There are many surprises in store for you.

We would appreciate your helping our chairman and her committee by returning the R.S.V.P. card as soon as you can so that we can make this afternoon another Women's Luncheon a success.

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