

West Side Institutional Review

WOMEN'S LEAGUE SPRING LUNCHEON ON MAY 28 TO HONOR FOUR OF ITS ARDENT, OUTSTANDING WORKERS



Mrs. Walter Freeman



Mrs. Emanuel Goodman



Mrs. Fred Goldstein



Mrs. Jennie Yabrow

The Women's League is indeed proud to present the names of those who have been voted the most energetic, most willing and most ardent workers for the organization — Shirley Freeman, Lil Goldstein, Kate Goodman, and Jennie Yabrow. These are the women whom we will honor at our annual Spring Luncheon on May 28, at the Olcott Hotel.

These four women are outstanding because no job is too big or too

small for them to do. It is through the supporting and tireless efforts of women such as these that our functions throughout the year are indeed the "talk of the town."

Every member of the Women's League will want to be at the Luncheon on Monday, May 28. Please send in your reservation card. Our chairman, Mrs. Madeline Gittler, has arranged an afternoon of countless surprises, starting with the menu,

entertainment, souvenirs and prizes. It is all new and different, and we are sure you will want to be there.

Be among the first to send in your reservation card with your check for \$5 subscription. Checks should be made payable to "Women's League — W.S.I.S." and sent to Mrs. Madeline Gittler, care of the Synagogue office.

MEN'S CLUB TO SPONSOR ANOTHER MINYAN AND BREAKFAST ON MAY 27

Another in the series of increasingly-popular events sponsored by our Men's Club, the Father and Son Sunday morning Minyan and Breakfast will take place on Sunday, May 27, at 9:30, Mr. H. William Hirsch, chairman, announced.

All who have attended any of these events this past winter can attest to the beauty and importance of this activity. The boys and their fathers meet in the main synagogue for the regular morning service, with the young men leading the service. Following this, all are invited to partake of a sumptuous breakfast, with an interesting program. As a special feature, prizes are given to several of the lucky boys who attend.

We are sure that every father owes it to his son and to himself to come and participate. Remember the date, Sunday, May 27. We hope to see a record attendance there.

Time is growing short

Every friend of

MR. MAX MOSKOWITZ

and of the

W. S. I. S.

will want to insert his greeting in our

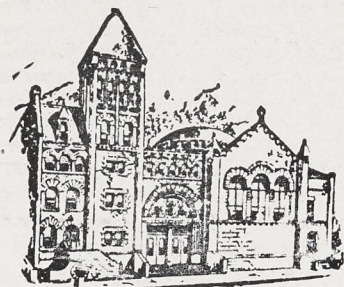
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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S. By MORRIS JABLOW

Those of you, our readers, who have responded to our appeal for the prompt insertion of your advertisement, by sending in your ad, deserve our sincere and heart-felt gratitude. The 1956 Souvenir Album dedicated to the "MAN-OF-THE-YEAR" Max Moskowitz, is beginning to reflect your generous participation.

Many of you, however, have not yet sent in your ads. To those of you who are still waiting, I would like to quote from a letter received this week. "I am sending a check for my personal greeting to be included in the Journal for Max Moskowitz. It is very seldom when we have an opportunity to do two things with one action. We honor a man who is a wonderful person, and at the same time use the money for a charitable purpose. I think every one in the Synagogue will be glad to join in performing this double pleasant duty.

Do you not think that the sentiments expressed in that letter are worthy of consideration? Won't you — I mean each of you — insert an ad and help us continue our activities, and at the same time honor Max Moskowitz. SERVICE MERITS RECOGNITION. Please act now!

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 'Shma'

ה' אלקינו ה'

"THE LORD OUR G-D THE LORD".

The name ה' stands for Mercy. אלקים stands for Justice. Whether in mercy or in justice, the result of G-d's act is mercy. The Psalmist proclaimed, "Whether it is in אלקים

אהד "ONE".

The letters of אהד numerically add up to thirteen. (1, 8 and 4). Thus when a boy reaches the age of thirteen, he becomes one with G-d, — a בר מצוה Bar Mitzvah, "a son of commandments", and is duty bound to carry out the will of G-d for the rest of his life.

"BLESSED BE THE NAME, WHOSE GLORIOUS KINGDOM IS FOREVER AND EVER".

This sentence, according to our Sages, was recited aloud by the Patriarch, Jacob — as we do on Kol Nidre night—. We read in the Talmud Pesachim 46, the following: "Jacob attempted to reveal to his children the end of the days (The coming of the Messiah), but the Shechina (Heavenly inspiration) departed from him. Filled with dismay at this spiritual phenomenon, the Patriarch said: Has the glory departed because a moral blemish is to be found in my offspring, even as there was one in my grandfather, Abraham, who begot Ishmael, and with my father Isaac, who begot Esau? Hearing such misgivings ex-

pressed on the part of their father, his children joined in saying "Here O Israel, (hear our father Israel), the Lord our G-d the Lord is one". There is only one G-d in our hearts even as there is only one in yours. Thereupon, Jacob immediately cried out "Blessed be the Name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever". The Rabbis began to consider how to establish the precedent. To say it would be improper, for Moses did not say it; not to say it, would be inconsistent with tradition, for Jacob did say it. Finally, they set down the rule to say it softly during the days of the year.

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SHAVUOS NOTES

This Tuesday evening, we usher in the Festival of Shavuos, or the Feast of Weeks. It is so called because it comes at the conclusion of the seven weeks of the Omer which the Bible commands us to begin counting on the second day of Passover. The Biblical command speaks of seven "full" weeks, and for this reason it is customary not to usher in the holiday until nightfall. The kiddush for the Yom Tov meal should be made when it is already night.

The Giving of the Law

Rabbinic tradition has assigned this, the sixth day of the month of Sivan, as the day when the Law was first given to Israel. The holiday is therefore also known as the anniversary of the giving of the law, "zeman matan torasenu." The Bible refrains from giving the specific date of the giving of the Torah, so that we may more easily feel as if each day the Torah is commanded anew

and we are bound to observe it as such.

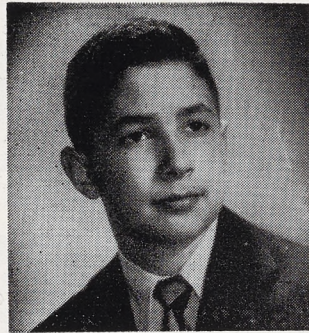
The special portion of the Law read on the first day of the holiday contains the Ten Commandments from the book of Exodus. Before they are read, a special Aramaic (Continued on Page 4)

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor will be said on the second day of Shevuos, Thursday, May 17. Those who would like to have special Memorial Prayers recited for their dear ones please fill out the form below and return it to our office.

I hereby request you to offer the Memorial Prayer for the coming Holiday for my whose Hebrew name is and I herewith donate \$..... Name Address

TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Robert A. Fox

Heartiest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Harry Fox upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Robert Alan, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning. Congratulations also to the grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Sirota.

LAST OPEN MEETING OF WOMEN'S LEAGUE SEASON TO BE HELD MONDAY

All the members and their friends of the Women's League are cordially invited to attend the last Open Meeting of the Season to be held at the Synagogue Building on Monday, May 14, at 12 noon.

Mrs. Michael Weingarten, our Program Chairman, is planning a Shavuot and Mother's Day celebration in the form of a skit with home talent. A special refreshment treat is also being planned with your coffee.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE COCKTAIL PARTY AND SUPPER SUNDAY, MAY 20, 7 P.M.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Sivan 1 — Rosh Chodesh
 Light candles before7:42
 Evening service6:40
 Count the Omer after dark — 46

Saturday, Sivan 2
Weekly portion: Bamidbar
Numbers 1:1-4:20 Hosea 2:1-2
 Morning service9:00
 Junior congregations10:30
 Chazanim: Mervyn Frankel,
 Michael Rosenberg

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30
 Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) ...3:00
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ...6:15
 Mr. Allen's Talmud Class6:15
 Mincha7:15
 Reader of Torah: Joseph Weisenfeld
 Reader of Service: Lawrence Kobrin
 Sayings of the Fathers—Chapter 6
 The Sabbath terminates8:30

Sunday, Sivan 3
 Morning services7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Daily Services
 Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30
 Mincha7:50

Tuesday, Sivan 5 — Erev Shavuot
 Light candles7:46
 Evening service7:45
 Tikun Shavuot10:30

Wednesday, Sivan 6 — Shavuot I
 Morning service9:00
 Junior congregations10:30
 Festival Kindergarten10:30
 Mincha7:00

Thursday, Sivan 7 — Shavuot II
 Morning Services8:30
 Junior congregations10:30
 Festival Kindergarten10:30
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class7:00
 Mr. Allen's Talmud Class7:00
 Mincha8:00
 The Festival terminates8:35

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REMINDER TO OUR PARENTS

All our youngsters should attend Junior Congregation on Shavuot, Wednesday and Thursday, May 16th and 17th at 10:30 A.M.

On the Jewish Festivals pupils are excused from Public School attendance.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL YIZKOR APPEAL DONORS

Abraham M. Druckman, Mrs. Benjamin Ehrenfeld, Helen Orkin.

THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL NEEDS MONEY

The UJA needs money to bring in the Jews from North Africa to Israel, money to buy arms, money to buy food. It is your duty to help.

Last Wednesday evening, our congregation ran a dinner for the United Jewish Appeal in order to raise money, and fortunately, we did raise a substantial sum. But many of our members did not attend that dinner. More importantly, many of our members who are able to give, did not and do not give their share to UJA. Frankly it's hard to believe.

Just read the following message from the head of the Jewish Agency:

"Is there anyone in the world who doubts that the Arabs purchased their arms in order to attack Israel? Does anyone think that they get arms from Communists in order to fight Communists? Did they fight in the Second World War against Hitler?"

Only by acquiring effective defensive weapons can we deprive Egypt and the other Arab countries of the incentive to launch an attack against us.

"Finally, we have to build air-shelters especially for our immigrants. Many of them are in border settlements. We are responsible for their safety.

We brought them over with your help. There are 320 border settlements built solely by new immigrants. We have to invest roughly \$1,000 per family in those border settlements for shelters and fences.

"These non-military preparations will cost us fifty million dollars, and are designed to reduce the initial impact of any enemy attack. You can help us build these shelters and aid us to accomplish this stock-piling. More than that, you can help us to continue our great humanitarian work involved in immigration.

"I beg of you today to let the facts speak for themselves. You must be convinced that this is the greatest Jewish emergency since 1948. Then you must act accordingly, and together we will demonstrate to the world our capacity to survive, to survive in freedom."

The story, my friends, is simple. If you cannot send your check now, please call or write to Mr. Jablow c/o the Synagogue Office and tell him what you pledge to give to the UJA in 1956. Thank you.

Jacob Kaplan, Chairman

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

The prayers and best wishes of us all go with our beloved Rabbi and Rebbetzin Herbert S. Goldstein as they leave for the Holy Land of Israel to-day. We hope that the Rabbi will meet with success in his many efforts and projects in Israel and that they may both return to us, please G-d, refreshed in body and in spirit . . . Our Women's League is fortunate in having as Chairmen of its House Committee Mesdames Harry Cohen, Rose Gura and Gittel Silverman . . . We point with pride to Sidney Silverman, son of Mrs. Gittel Silverman, member of the Executive Board of our Women's League who has distinguished himself as Executive Director of the Taft Adult Center for Education and Recreation. At a recent dinner tendered to Mayor Wagner the noteworthy accomplishments of Mr. Silverman, in this particular field were acclaimed . . . A congregational citation of merit to Mr. Samuel Gursky upon the tenth anniversary of his presidency of the Agudath Naarei Israel, for which he was recently honored at a testimonial dinner.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful future to Sylvain Ehrenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ehrenfeld upon receiving his Ph.D. in Mathematical Statistics from Columbia University — Sylvain is now serving in the U. S. Army . . . Happy to have home from Florida Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levy and from California Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klein . . . Our prayer for a speedy recovery for Mr. Samuel Gelberg . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. William Bail upon the birth of Elyse Rae to their children Mr. and Mrs. Remo Adler.

Birthday Greetings**May**

- 11—Ira Bellsey
Mrs. Anna Stoll
12—Mrs. Saul Bergman
Edward Diamond
13—Mrs. Frances Cohen
14—Mrs. Joseph Anderson
Peter Michael Bellsey
Susan Jane Goldsmith
15—Harry Ackerman
Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein
16—Mrs. Meta Bayer
17—Mrs. Aaron S. Freudman

Anniversary Greetings**May**

- 14—Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Greenfield
15—Mr. & Mrs. Barney Jaffin
Director & Mrs. Albert H. Colin
Mr. & Mrs. I. Friedman
17—Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ackerman

Shavuos Notes

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liturgy, Akdamos, is chanted which tells of the greatness of G-d and the Torah and their importance to Israel.

The custom of decorating both the synagogue and home with leaves and flowers is also derived from the connection of the holiday with the giving of the Torah. The floral decoration is reminiscent of the greenery atop Mt. Sinai in the wilderness.

Tikun Shavuos

A beautiful tradition, derived from the practice of the Jewish mystics, the Kabbalists, is the recital of the Tikun Shavuos. This collection of selections from the Bible and Talmud is recited from a specially prepared book during an all-night vigil.

Our readers are cordially invited to join us in the Synagogue for this vigil, beginning at 10:30 P.M. on Tuesday night. A minyan will be held in the early hours of Wednesday morning for those who remain all night. All are invited to spend some time in the synagogue.

Several reasons have been given for the source of the custom. The most picturesque points to the fact that on the day of the actual giving of the Law in the wilderness, Moses is recorded as having to awake the people to receive the word of G-d. To atone for this, as it were, we remain awake all night to show our eagerness for G-d's commandments.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late Women's League member **Mrs. Rose Olenick**; and to Mrs. Milton M. Bernard, upon the loss of her father **Samuel Caro**.

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