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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.

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS

Young women over 19, and young men over 21, are cordially invited to a Special Succos Get-Together, Tuesday night, September 25th at 8:30 o'clock promptly. Refreshments will be served. Please make every effort to attend, as decisions of utmost importance to the group will be made.

The entire Congregational Family,  
our members,  
and the worshippers at all our services  
are cordially invited to  
the home of  
**RABBI and MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN**  
for their annual Shemini Atzeres "At Home"  
**Shemini Atzeres, Thursday, September 27**  
229 West 78th St. from 3 to  
Apt. 31 5:30 o'clock

## FIRST DAYS SUCCOS TO BEGIN TONIGHT

### ERUV TAVSHILIN

The Law does not permit the cooking or baking of food on one day of Yom Tov for the next day of Yom Tov or Shabbos. Inasmuch as this year the first two days of Succos fall on Thursday and Friday (followed by Shabbos) the ceremony of Eruv Tavshilin must be performed before the Holiday. The symbolic Eruv Tavshilin meal prepared on Wednesday enables the housewife to complete the cooking of this meal on Friday.

A Matzah or Challa and a piece of meat or fish are placed on a plate. The master of the house lifts the plate and recites the blessing:

Boruch ataw adon-a-i elo-he-nu meleih haolam asher kidsha-nu b'mitz-vo-sav, v'tzi-va-nu al mitzvas e-ruv. Then say: "By virtue of this Eruv, be it permitted to us to bake, cook, keep the food warm, light the candles, and do all that is necessary on the Festival for the Sabbath."

On Saturday afternoon the food is to be eaten.

### SUCCAH BREAKFASTS

For the convenience of our morning worshippers, breakfast 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.



## SUCCOS NOTES

This evening, we usher in the Festival of Succos. This is one of the three "regalim" or festivals of pilgrimage 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, their fasting and prayer.

### The Succah

One of the central features of the holiday, from which one of the festival's Hebrew names is derived, is the Succah. Succah, in Hebrew, means booth. The Bible commands us to "live" in such temporary structures during the holiday.

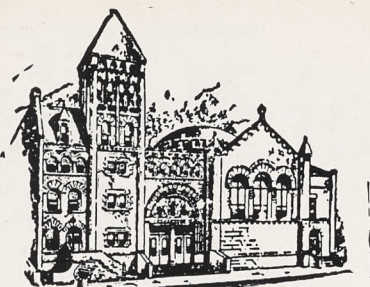
Thus every effort should be made to eat in the Succah and spend therein some part of the day as well.

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  
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**W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, Tishre 14 — Erev Succos**  
 Eruv Tavshilin before candle lighting.  
 Light candles before .....6:40  
 Mincha .....6:30

**Thursday, Tishre 15 — Succos I**  
 Morning service .....9:00  
 Junior Congregation .....10:30  
 Holiday Kindergarten .....10:30  
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....5:15  
 Mr. Allen's Talmud Class .....5:15  
 Mincha .....6:15

**Friday, Tishre 16 — Succos II**  
 Morning service .....9:00  
 Junior Congregation .....10:30  
 Holiday Kindergarten .....10:30  
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....5:30  
 Mr. Allen's Talmud Class .....5:30  
 Mincha .....6:30  
 Light candles before .....6:38

**Saturday, Tishre 17 — Shabbos Chol HaMoed**  
 Morning service .....8:30  
 Junior Congregation .....10:30  
 Sabbath Kindergarten .....10:30  
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....5:40  
 Mr. Allen's Talmud Class .....5:40  
 Mincha .....6:40  
 Sabbath Terminates .....7:18

**Sunday, Tishre 18**  
 Morning services .....6:45, 7:45, 8:30

**THE PRAYER BOOK**

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

**The 'Shma'**

**"AND IT BE UNTO YOU FOR A FRINGE THAT YOU MAY LOOK UPON IT, AND REMEMBER", ETC.**

The Rabbis stress the Hebrew original *וּרְאִתָּם אוֹתוֹ* which may also be translated as, "that ye may see Him". They say that by looking at the fringes as they are constructed and realizing the significance of their construction one may become mindful of G-d and of His commandments. "AND THAT YE SEEK NOT AFTER YOUR OWN HEART AND YOUR OWN EYES". The Rabbis say that the Torah mentions the heart and eyes, because these act as the prime agents for sin. The eye sees, the heart desires, then the other members of the body are led into transgression. When one is able to train the eyes and heart in the service of

G-d, then he does not have to worry about the rest of his body in this connection. Which of the two is more important, — the heart or the eyes? The Rabbis give precedence to the heart. The Wisdom Preacher, King Solomon, said, "My son, give me thine heart and thine eyes will observe my ways." Proverbs, Chapter 23, verse 26. The desire to be free from restraint causes one's reasoning to work out for himself a system which denies to anyone the authority to curb his desires. The wish, as "the father of the thought", leads to a denial of G-d and of His Providence.

**Monday and Tuesday, Tishre 19-20 Chol HaMoed**

Morning services .....6:30, 7:30, 8:15  
 Mincha .....6:40

**Tuesday, Tishre 20 — Erev Hoshana Rabbah**  
 Tikun .....9:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, Tishre 21 — Hoshana Rabbah**  
 Morning services .....6:15, 7:15  
 Mincha .....6:30

**YIZKOR SERVICES**

On Shemini Atzeres, Thursday, September 27, 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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**Succos Notes**

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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, special 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."

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES**

The Women's League invites all the women worshippers of the Main Synagogue, of the Manhattan Towers and of the upstairs "Overflow Service," to be their guests at a Succos Luncheon at our Synagogue Building, on Monday, September 24th, at 12:30 P.M. noon.

Our own Mrs. Michael Weingarten, Program Chairman, will entertain us in the true tradition of this festive holiday.

## A MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNG MARRIEDS

*Season's First Get Together of the Mr. & Mrs. League  
Monday, September 24, at 8 P.M., in the Succah.*

You name it — and you play it. Bridge, Canasta, Scrabble, Mah Jongg, Bingo. Bring your friends, and have your friends bring their friends. Be our guests at an informal and relaxing evening. Meet your old friends, and make new ones. Refreshments too! All this FREE by courtesy of the  
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## Pictorial Visit to Children's Village in Israel



"Sday Chemed" in Nachalat Jehudah, Rishon L'Zion.



Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein being welcomed by the children.



Mrs. Goldstein being presented with flowers by some of the children of the Village.



The hennery at our Children's Village which is being taken care of by the children themselves.

### YOUR CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR YOUTH CLUBS MEETING THIS WEEK . . .

**The Maccabees** — For boys and girls over 13. First meeting, Monday, Sept. 24th, 7:30 P.M. in the Succah.  
Leader: Herbert Goldberg

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**The Teen Agers** — For boys over 15 and girls over 14. First meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 25th, at 7:45 P.M.  
Leader: Samuel Ward.

**GETTING PERSONAL**

By Sanford Solarz

Our High Holy Days Services were, as always, a profoundly inspiring religious experience. Officiating, were our beloved Rabbis, Herbert S. Goldstein and O. Asher Reichel, and, assisting for the Holy Days, Rabbi Milton Furst, who delivered stirring and meaningful messages, and our golden-voiced Cantor Zalman Yavneh, whose rendition of the prayers gave perfect expression to the holiness of the occasion. Mr. Israel Kestenbaum excelled, as usual, in the blowing of the Shofar . . . For helping maintain decorum at the services, our heartfelt gratitude to the noble efforts of the Director and Usher-in-Chief, Max Lazarus and his able staff consisting of our Director Moses J. Berlin, Herbert Perlman and Samuel Ward. Our overflow services were ably directed by Messrs. Alexander Golden, Gabriel F. Goldstein, and ushered by Ned Kirsh and Isaac Perlman . . . All best wishes in their new home to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss, and in their new office to Doctors Samuel, Jerome and Bernard Weiss.

**Birthday Greetings**

- Sept.  
 20 — Marcia Therese Tumpowsky  
 21 — Gabriel F. Goldstein  
       Rosanne Gene Schnur  
 22 — Director Samuel K. Beier  
 23 — Director H. William Hirsch  
 24 — Judith Neustadter  
       Ira Bruce Tumpowsky  
 25 — Judith Bernstein  
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**Anniversary Greetings**

- 20 — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rudnick  
       Director & Mrs. Joseph Shapiro

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**YOM KIPPUR APPEAL MEETS ENCOURAGING RESPONSE**

At our Synagogue's Yom Kippur services, last Friday and Saturday 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 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, who were out of town for the Holidays.

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.

**MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR UNDER WAY**

**OUR MEN'S CLUB DOES IT AGAIN**

A wonderful team under the joint Chairmanship of Bennett Carter, and Alexander Kirsh did a wonderful piece of work in conducting the overflow services for the High Holy Days in the Manhattan Towers Hotel.

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.

Messrs. Leon Herman and Bennett Carter have to be given credit for leading the ritual proceedings in a very dignified and impressive manner and the President of the Men's Club, Mr. Fred Heiser, for his distribution of the honors.

On the Committee in charge of the arrangements were Messrs. Al Braff, Herman H. Cohen, Ben K. Eisenberg, 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.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
 TO BE HELD OCTOBER 8**

The Committee in charge of arrangements for the forthcoming Installation of Officers, to be held on Monday evening, October 8, at the Hotel Franconia, has asked that all the members of the Club who have received their invitations send in their reply cards and thus make their reservations for the affair immediately.

We hope that as many men as possible will attend this opening social function of the year for the Men's Club. Only by a large attendance can we show the officers that the men of the congregation support their work in behalf of the Club.

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