

HOLIDAY — THURSDAY & FRIDAY
ERUV TAVSHILIN WEDNESDAY
SABBATH SERVICES AT 8:45

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President Udell, Messrs. Foont and Linzer Chosen as Chasanim; Children Especially Invited to Simchas Torah Services



William Foont



Saul Linzer



Lester Udell

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 Thursday night. Services will begin at about 6:45.

The children, who are always welcome in our Synagogue, are our 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 made possible through the generosity of our Women's League.

The children are asked to assemble in the Daily Synagogue at 6:45. There they will receive their Torahs and will march into the main Synagogue together.

We are happy to announce the names of those who will represent us all at our Simchas Torah ceremonies connected with the completion and the beginning of the reading of the Torah.

Mr. William Foont has been chosen as Chasan Torah — the honor of the last "aliyah" in the Book of Deuteronomy. A devoted member of the congregation, he has quietly — but effectively — spread the message of the W.S.I.S.

Director Saul Linzer will receive the first "aliyah" in the Book of Genesis, and is the Chasan Bereshis. Among his other efforts on our behalf, Mr. Linzer is chairman of a committee studying the problem of renovating our building for improved educational and social facilities.

The Chasan Maftir — who reads the prophetic portion from the book of Joshua — is our beloved President, Lester Udell. He is the top man in all our activities and we are blessed to have such a lay leader who serves as an inspiration to all of us.

The entire Congregational Family
is cordially invited to
the home of

**RABBI and MRS.
HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN**

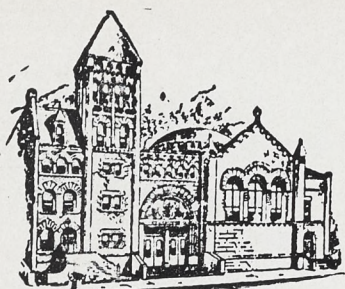
for their annual Shemini Atzeres
"At Home"

Shemini Atzeres, Thursday, Sept. 27

229 West 78th St.
Apt. 31

from 4 to
6 o'clock





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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.

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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 'Shma'

"I AM THE LORD YOUR G-D".

The Hebrew original 'ה' "the Lord" is the ineffable Name which implies that He is "merciful" and rewards. The Hebrew original אלקים "your G-d" indicates that He metes out retribution. Hence the use of both names implies that He rewards those who are obedient and punishes those who wilfully go astray.

"WHICH BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT TO BE YOUR G-D," ETC. The Israelites were taken out of Egypt with the distinct understanding that they would be guided in their conduct by the Torah. "I AM THE LORD YOUR G-D". This sentence is repeated again to point out an additional truth. The Israelites are to heed G-d's commandments not only because of the desire for reward, or out of fear of punishment, but because they are pledged to abide by the Torah.

As Jews we have a responsibility which it is impossible for us to

escape. We have a most striking illustration of this fact in Germany. Many who inter-married believed that assimilation with the non-Jews would completely sever their connections with all things Jewish. We find, however, that we were sadly mistaken. The target of anti-semitic prejudice, reached all men and women of Jewish birth.

The Rabbis say that after the destruction of the Temple there was a movement among some of our people to renounce Judaism. The prophet Ezekiel declared, "And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, we will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries . . . As I live, said the Lord G-d, surely with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm and with fury poured out, will I rule over you." Thus Israel is G-d's inalienable inheritance and is attached to Him with ties which can never be severed if we remain loyal to the Torah.

"TRUTH".

This word is **added** immediately after the conclusion of the third paragraph, without any pause or

interruption between "your G-d" and "truth", as we have in Jeremiah, Chapter 10, verse 10, "The Lord G-d is TRUE".

"TRUE AND FIRM".

Emes veyazeev. In the evening we say "True and Faithful". How realistic this is with life. In the morning, when we arise and there is light we say "TRUE and FIRM" — There is no need for faith. But in the evening service, when it is dark, we say emes ve-emunah "True and Faithful". When things are black, we need faithfulness that we shall pass through the darkness. Thus we read also in Psalm 92, verse 3, "To declare Thy lovingkindness in the **morning**, and Thy faithfulness

every night." Note that after the word "Emes", every word begins with the letter "vav." The same is found in the prayer "Yishtabach" where the "vav" is used 15 times. There are 15 "songs of Ascents" (Psalms 120-134). So here, too, the 15 "vavs" in our prayer give the most superlative degree of homage to G-d.

We hold the Tsis in our hand during the reading of the Shma, and then let them go, as we reach the word "V-nechmadim," because a new thought begins there.

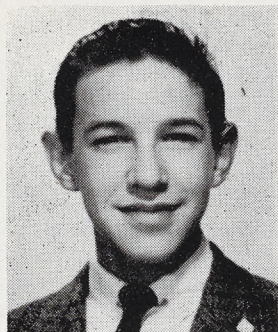
"HIS WORDS ARE ALIVE AND ENDURING".

G-d's words are life-giving and everlasting.

JOIN OUR BAND

Our social Department is in the midst of forming a W.S.I.S. Band, under the leadership of Herbert Goldberg. All young men who have had more than one year of experience in any instrument are invited to audition. Those interested, please contact Herb Goldberg at TR 3-5670.

Our Rabbis will appreciate being informed of the illness of any member of the congregation. Just a phone call to the Synagogue office TR 7-8281 will be sufficient.

TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH**Richard Eric Spatz**

Congratulations to Mrs. Dennis Spatz and to the grandparents, our members Mr. and Mrs. Max Denberg, upon the Bar Mitzvah of Richard Eric, which will take place in our Synagogue tomorrow.

Richard is a pupil in our Talmud Torah.

MEN'S CLUB TO INSTALL OFFICERS ON OCTOBER 8

The Installation of Officers of our Men's Club will take place on Monday evening, October 8, at 7:30 o'clock in the Hotel Franconia. All the men of our congregation are cordially urged and invited to attend this installation, both to participate in the festive occasion, and to demonstrate their support for the officers and activities of our Men's Club.

Invitations for the event have already been sent out, but any one who is interested in attending is urged to contact either the Synagogue Office or the Committee in charge. The couvert for the evening has been set at a nominal \$8.50.

A GIFT SUGGESTION

Any of our readers who would like to have the members of their family and friends receive the "Review," may present them with a gift subscription for \$1.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Bertha Marshall upon the passing of her mother, **Sarah Koslowitz**;

And to our member, Mr. Samuel Rosen, upon the loss of his father, **Henry Rosen**.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**Wednesday, Tishri 21 —****Hoshana Rabbah**

Eruv Tavshilin before candle lighting
Light candles6:26
Mincha service6:30

Thursday — Shemini Atzeres

Morning service6:30
Junior Congregation10:30
Holiday Kindergarten10:30
Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein at home to the congregation from 4 to 6 P.M.
Mincha service6:20
Light candles6:30

Friday — Simchas Torah

Morning service8:30
Light candles before6:24
Mincha service6:15

Saturday, Tishre 24

Weekly portion: Bereshis

Genesis 1:1-6:8;
Isaiah 42:5-25, 43:1-10
Blessing for the New Month

Morning service8:45
Junior Congregation10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 5:25
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class5:25
Mincha6:25
Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter
Reader of Service: Lawrence Kobrin
Termination of Sabbath7:15

Sunday, Tishre 25

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

Daily Services

Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha6:30

Friday, Tishre 30 — Rosh Chodesh

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

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD TO MEET OCTOBER 1

The opening meeting of the season of our Women's League Executive Board will take place in our Synagogue on Monday afternoon, October 1, at 12:30 o'clock. Acting as the hostesses to the Board for the luncheon at this opening meeting will be Mesdames Mannie Alt, Jacob Kaplan, Samuel Schneider and Harry Soffer.

We trust that all the members of the Board will attend, as important plans for the year's activities of the Women's League will be discussed.

ATTENTION YOUNG FOLKS

Young ladies over 17 and young men over 18 are cordially invited to attend a Reunion in the Succah, Wednesday, Shmini Atzeres eve, September 26th, at 8:30 P.M.

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GETTING PERSONALBy **SANFORD SOLARZ**

We are privileged and happy to extend our hand of welcome to the following new members of our Congregational family, with the earnest hope that they will activate themselves as much as possible in our varied religious, cultural and social functions: Sol Allen, Mrs. Sophia Binderman, Charles Blumenfeld, Jacob Chassid, Abe M. Cleeman, Aaron Daniels, Miss Hilda Ely, Frank Frohman, David S. Galton, Benjamin P. Goldman, Solomon Gordon, Daniel Hoffert, Jacob Kinzler, Max Kornreich, Dr. Maurice Krauss, Israel Leff, Mrs. Rachel Mateles, Harry A. Meth, Joseph B. Rossant, Louis Sheinis, Simon Stern, Adolf Van Dam, Abraham Widlanski, and Henry Zimmern . . . Our Congregational citation of merit to Raphael, son of our golden-voiced Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh, upon obtaining his Master of Law Degree from New York University . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Libby Weitzman . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to the grandmother, Mrs. Clara Breslau, and to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ziegler, upon the betrothal of their son, Stephen, to Harriet Freiman . . . Congratulations to our beloved President and Mrs. Lester Udell upon the birth of Amy to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Udell; and to Mrs. Etta Jaffin, the great-grandma, and Mr. and Mrs. George Jaffin, the grandparents, upon the birth of Walter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Greenberg.

Birthday Greetings**Sept.**

- 26—Philip Nager
Rev. Chaim Shapiro
- 27—Hyman Druker
Etta T. Gertz
Ellen May Greenfield
Joseph Moses
- 28—Mrs. Mae Feltman
George Samuel Greenstein
- 29—Mrs. Jess E. Gross
- 30—Mrs. Lenore Finkelstein

Oct.

- 1—Mrs. Jacob Bayer
- 2—Sylvia Jacoby
Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan
Mrs. Leon Kantrowitz
Albert Schmeidler

Anniversary Greetings**Sept.**

- 28—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kleinfeld

**FESTIVAL NOTES**

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.

Prayer For Rain

An important part of the observance of the holiday season in the Temple days was the festivities connected with the symbolic drawing of water. Our Sages have said that he who did not see the festivities of the "simchas bes-hashoevah" (the festival of the drawing of water) has never seen true festivity in his life. (Succah 51a) The winter season is the only rain season in Israel and this rain is all-important for the economy of the land. Consequently, we continue today to pray for rain for the Holy Land beginning with the Musaf prayers of Shemini Atzeres.

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.

Koheleth

On the Intermediate Sabbath of the Festival, we read the Book of Koheleth, or Ecclesiastes. Tradition tells us that King Solomon wrote this book in his old age, as he reflected on his life's work. While it may be thought pessimistic or even cynical in some parts, it ends with the injunction: "Fear G-d and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man." It is read at this time of the year, some say, in the same way that this season was used to call the people together and exhort them in the days of the Temple.

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