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Enjoy the stimulating and exciting experience of meeting American Orthodox Jewesses from all over the United States and Canada who are assembling for the purposes of exchanging experiences and discussing modern methods and techniques for preserving and intensifying the faith of our fathers in this country.

If you wish to act as a delegate from our Women's League, phone the Synagogue office, TR 7-8281, and inform the Women's League President, Mrs. William Foont to that effect.

TALMUD CLASSES

Prof. Waxman to be Guest

At this Saturday's meeting of Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class, Professor Meyer Waxman, noted scholar and author (and, incidentally, brother-in-law of Mr. Allen) will be a special guest. We are sure that all who attend will find the hour most interesting. This Talmud Class is conducted in English.

Rabbi Pekier's Class on Wednesday

We think many of our readers will be interested in another feature of our adult educational program, a Talmud Class given by Rabbi Pekier on Wednesday evenings at 8 P.M. The group is studying the tractate Nedarim, which deals with vows and other related subjects.

Talk By Professor Hoenig This Monday To Begin Laymen's Institute Lecture Series

FIRST SPEAKER TO DISCUSS VERY TIMELY TOPIC



Professor Sidney B. Hoenig

The first in a series of lectures under the auspices of our Laymen's Institute will take place this Monday evening, October 22, when the first of the lectures, Professor Sidney B. Hoenig, will talk on the topic: "Pharisees, Sadducees and Essenes, as they affect our thoughts today." The lecture is to begin promptly at 8:30.

Professor Hoenig needs no introduction to the readers of this Review. For many years, he has been taking an active part in the activities of our adult education program. A Professor of History at Yeshiva University, he is now director of the Yeshiva University Department of Adult Education.

Our speaker is known for his novel presentation and we are sure that his listeners will be interested in the timely topic which he has chosen. Among other things to be discussed will be the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls which have been the center of so much discussion over the past few years.

We would like to see as many as possible of our friends and readers at this opening lecture. Remember, the evening will begin promptly at 8:30.

RESERVE NOVEMBER 4

All the men and women of our Congregation are urged to reserve the evening of Sunday, November 4, for what we are sure will prove to be a most interesting and worthwhile activity. Watch **The Review** for further details.

Reserve the date

SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20, 1957

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ALL VETERANS

The opening meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans will be held on Wednesday evening, October 24, at 8:30 P.M. Commander Marvin Padawer looks forward to the pleasure of greeting all of our older members once again, and hopes to have the pleasure of meeting many new members.



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SCHEDULE OF ADULT COURSES IN HEBREW

Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 31

Beginners — 7:30 P.M.
(Start from Aleph Bes)

Elementary — 7:30 P.M.
(For those who are able to read Hebrew)

Advanced — 8:45 P.M.
(For those who have some command of the Hebrew language)

Inasmuch as these classes will be offered only on such levels of study for which there will be sufficient registration, our readers are urged to mail the attached coupon at once.

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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

'Shemoneh Esreh'

"O L-RD, OPEN THOU MY LIPS AND MAY MY MOUTH
DECLARE THY PRAISE"

This is the 17th verse of Psalm 51. We stand in great awe before we deliver the main theme of the 18 Benedictions. We tremble as we go before G-d making our request. We pray that we may open our lips and our mouth in praise of Him, and beg that He help us pray properly. It is difficult to concentrate our mind fully in prayer and keep it riveted all the time upon G-d and His Attributes, to the exclusion of other thoughts. Many a strange thought come uninvited and unexpected into our mind and crowds out pure meditation. The heart that was at the outset full with the desire to speak to G-d, to seek His intervention in our physical or spiritual affairs, is, as the prayers proceed, filled by thoughts unbecoming and inappropriate, causing us to forget before Whom we are standing. The lips continue to move, but the heart, like the fable of the fox is left behind. These intruding thoughts crowd out the Shechina — G-d's presence — from our prayers.

No one is to be blamed for the presence of these decoying thoughts. Even the greatest spirits and the most righteous men complain about these intrusions. Yet it is our duty while praying to be on guard, so that when these strange thoughts do come, not to harbor them, nor give them quarter, but to repulse them, so that they do no interpose, between the one who pray and G-d. This, metaphorically speak-

ing (see Nehemiah 4:11) is like "One working with one hand and with the other holding a weapon." To scale heavenwards and at the same time to wage a combat with the forces that are bent on hurling us down. This is an exceedingly difficult task but it is indeed very worthwhile. It is not in vain, for G-d "hearkeneth unto prayer."

The prayers are compared to the ladder which Jacob saw in his prophetic vision (see Genesis 27:12 in Bible Comments for Home Reading) "whereon the G-dly message go up and down." We are sending up our messages and G-d is sending down His help and salvation. The command to pray includes women as well as men, as both are in need of G-d's mercy. The gates leading to Heaven are open only by the "seasme" of prayer.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Cheshvan 14

Light candles before5:50
Evening service6:05

Saturday, Cheshvan 15

Weekly portion: Vayera

Genesis 18:1-22:24 II Kings 4:1-37

Morning service9:00

Youth congregation10:00

Chazanim: Larry Hecht, Seymour Klein, Stanley Klein

Sermonette: Roger Linker

Reader: Larry Hecht

Junior congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (9 to 12 yrs.) 3:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 4:25

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class4:25

Mincha5:25

Reader of Torah: Elliot Lebowitz

Reader of Service: Hershel Gold

During winter season:

Read Psalms 104, 120-34

The Sabbath terminates6:41

Sunday, Cheshvan 16

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha6:05

Followed by the explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

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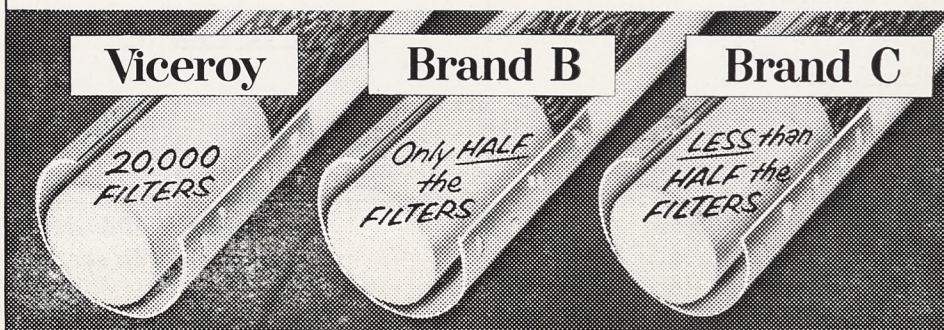
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GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our heartfelt welcome to the following new members of our congregational family, with the earnest prayer that they will indeed be members in deed; Abraham Alexander, Dr. Hyman M. Chernow, Walter Colman, Mrs. Donenfeld, Mrs. Madeline Gittler, Rehavia Moussaieff, Samuel Moussaieff, Martin Romerovski and Charles Steindecker... We are happy to report that the seeds that our Director and Usher-In-Chief, Max Lazarus, planted with his eloquent appeal at the overflow Yizkor services on Yom Kippur, still continue to bear fruit... Happy to have back from Europe, Theodore Redlich, son of our Director and Mrs. Sol Redlich, who just completed his service in the Armed Forces there; Mr. Sholom Gordon from England; Mr. Isidore Ratzersdorfer from Europe and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horney from California... The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Nat Lebowitz... Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Milton Ritter... Our beloved Rabbi Asher Reichel was honored by an invitation to deliver the benediction at the Annual Convocation Ceremony of the American College of Gastroenterology... Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Pressner upon the marriage of their son, Joseph, to Miss Valerie Ratner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ratner... Our best wishes to the new officers of the Maccabees, one of our youth groups: Marsha Bril, president; Ronald Bernard, vice-president; Al Tabackman, secretary; Ann Lifton, treasurer; and Janet Cohen, social director.

Birthday Greetings**Oct.**

- 20—Jane Leslie Greenfield
Mrs. Louis Wexler
21—Vivian Fay Korngold
Mrs. A. Rossett
Joyce Shulster
22—Mrs. Harold Kaplan
Mrs. Joshua Levine
Michael Henry Sahn
23—Lois Jane Ullman
24—Mrs. Michael Weingarten
25—Mrs. Jack Levine
Judith Bernstein
Rabbi Abraham Burstein

Anniversary Greetings**Oct.**

- 19—Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Ehrmon

Our Women's League**OPEN MEETING THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 22**

All the women of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend a most novel afternoon. Mrs. Michael Weingarten, our program chairman, has had repeated requests for our "Swap Shop of Experiences."

Let's exchange and share stories, jokes, articles of interest, a timely topic — anything too good to keep for just ourselves. Mrs. Jacob Kaplan will start the ball rolling with a charming story of the Ostrovskys!

This promises to be a most stimulating afternoon. Another part of the program will be a 15 minute talk by Rabbi Goldstein on Bible History on the adult level.

Coffee and cake will be served at 12:30 P.M.

REMEMBER OUR MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, November 19, 12 noon, at the Franconia Hotel

Pay your dues today, so that you can be our guest at this delightful luncheon.

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Chairman

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LIBRARY NEWS

Do you have any good books that are gathering dust on your shelves and you would like to get rid of? Donate them to our Women's League Library. Send them or bring them into the Synagogue Office.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our well equipped and organized Sunday morning kindergarten has several openings for boys and girls 4 and 5 years of age. The hours are from 9:30 to 11:15 A.M. every Sunday.

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