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HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE MOTHER & DAUGHTER BREAKFAST?

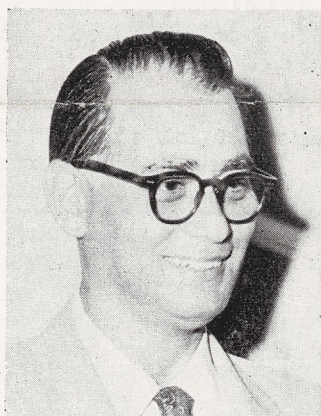
Our Women's League will be the gracious Hostesses for a MOTHER & DAUGHTER BREAKFAST on Sunday morning, **May 5th**.

Our mothers who have daughters between the ages of seven and fourteen are urged to write to Mrs. William Foont, President of Our Women's League, c/o W.S.I.S., and inform her of their plans to attend the breakfast.

A very interesting program is being planned.

Of course, there will be no charge.

Gifts Opening Building Fund Campaign Have Already Reached Over \$70,000



Mr. Benjamin Glazer
Fund Co-Chairman

The opening gifts in our Building Fund Campaign have already reached over \$70,000, Mr. Benjamin Glazer, the Co-Chairman said last week. With this initial effort behind us, Mr. Glazer said, the Committee looks towards a rapid response on the part of the congregation to our appeal for funds.

The Building Fund Committee, under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Glazer and Mr. Saul Linzer, with Mr. Jess E. Gross as treasurer, has already begun its work of gathering the funds which will enable us to carry on our project of building an entirely new Social Center adjacent to our main building and renovate the Main Synagogue itself.

The contributions received thus far as follows:

Congregational Treasury	\$35,000
Men's Club	\$17,000
Women's League	\$10,000
Mr. & Mrs. William Horwitz	

A Classroom

Mr. & Mrs. Jean Goldwurm \$	2,000
Carl Grossberg	1,000
Jonas Leisten	1,000
Saul Linzer	1,000
President Lester Udell	500
Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein ...	500
Herman H. Cohen	500
Albert H. Colin	500
Abraham M. Davis	500
Max Moskowitz	500
Harold Kaplan	250
Nat Wartels	250
Anonymous	250

All these contributions are being made in accordance with the Building Fund procedure, announced last week, of accepting them in from one to four payments over a period of two years.

We hope that the fine example set by these organizations and individuals will serve to spur the remainder of our congregation on to an immediate and enthusiastic response on behalf of this important appeal.

Committee Calls Upon Entire Congregation To Support Souvenir Album Project This Year

"The entire congregation should view this year's Souvenir Album as their personal project," said Director Herman H. Cohen, Chairman of our Souvenir Album Committee recently. Opening the drive to obtain personal and business ads as soon as possible for inclusion in the Album, Mr. Cohen added, "If each of us would consider the congregation's efforts our own personal effort, the task of assembling the yearly album would not be a difficult one."

This year's Album will be presented to our Man of the Year, Director M. Jack Berlin, at a reception to be held in his honor in our Synagogue. To prepare the Album for printing, however, the material to be included must be received far in advance. It is important, therefore, that all who wish to insert their ads contact the synagogue as soon as possible.

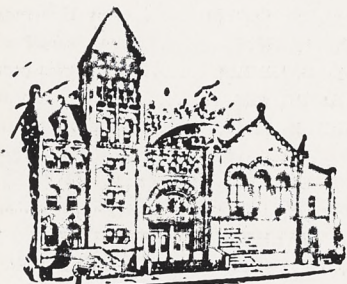
We hope that all our readers will take Mr. Cohen's suggestion to heart and by considering the Souvenir Album their personal project make a greater effort this year to obtain 100% participation for this important congregational project.

THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

On the second night of the Passover holiday, we began the "counting of the Omer," in accord with the Biblical injunction, "From the morrow of the Pesach, from the day of your bringing the Omer, shall ye count seven full weeks, forty-nine days." The Omer was a special offering of barley gathered from the newly ripened grain which permitted the use of the **Chadash**, the new spring harvest.

The counting of the Omer should take place after sunset. Immediately before stating the number of the days and the weeks in the Omer, we make the benediction, Al Sefirath Ho-Omer. This should be done while standing. If one had forgotten to count the Omer during the

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REMEMBER YOUR SYNAGOGUE

When you are arranging your affairs by drawing up a last will and testament, may we suggest that you remember your Synagogue at that time.

Bequests to our institution to aid us in the furtherance of our work should be drawn as follows:

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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Awveenu Mahlkaynu Prayers

"ERASE AND REMOVE"

First we ask G-d to erase from the record the sins we have already committed, and then we pray that He will remove from before Him those that will be made in the future.

"ERASE IN THINE ABUNDANT MERCIES ALL THE RECORDS OF OUR GUILT"

To rub the slate clean. To give us a chance to start our life over again with a clean slate.

"ALL THE RECORDS OF OUR GUILT"

This refers to the positive commandments, because there is a record, namely, the things we should do, and fail to do.

"BRING US BACK IN PERFECT REPENTANCE"

Perfect repentance comes through the combination of Torah and prayer. Torah is above prayer. Prayer implies that we ask, beg or petition, for something. In studying the Torah, we want to know what G-d, our Father, wants us to do. This is the highest form of filial duty. First we must learn, then we will know how to practice and serve. When it comes to prayer, the term King, is employed, because in His hand is the destiny of the people.

"SEND A PERFECT HEALING"

What is a perfect healing? It is interesting to note that when we offer the special prayer for the sick, we mention the sick person's name, and then say, "May He in His mercy restore him (her) speedily to perfect health, a healing of soul and body". Thus perfect health, does not mean

merely being in good physical condition, but also being in good health religiously. The good condition of the soul and the body — both together, make for the good health of the Jew and Jewess. Would that we understand that the soul needs proper health, as does the body.

"REND THE EVIL JUDGEMENT DECREED AGAINST US"

Why not "REND THE DECREE OF THY JUDGEMENT" — We pray that G-d remove the evil of the decree, as for instance the decree may be that one should be sick and get well.

"THY REMEMBRANCE BE FOR GOOD"

Although we have a bad side, we pray that G-d look at our good side. Just as we ask G-d to look at our good side, it would be well that we too, try to look at the good side of our neighbors too.

"FOR A GOOD LIFE"

Not merely life, but for a life that is good for us. Not merely for the favors of health, and wealth, that in the end may turn out to be a curse. In the case of good health by endangering ourselves, against taking precautions, and using discretion, or in the case of wealth by employing our wealth in pleasures detrimental to ourselves.

"INSCRIBE US IN THE BOOK OF REDEMPTION AND SALVATION"

Redemption refers to the natural, and salvation to the supernatural, help from G-d Almighty.

"INSCRIBE US IN THE BOOK OF MAINTENANCE AND SUSTENANCE"

That we should find our maintenance, as a gift from G-d. Just as we eat at our father's table, as a natural token of love on the part of the parent, so may we receive maintenance and sustenance from G-d, our Father in Heaven's table, and not be dependent upon man's gifts. We pray that G-d should make it possible for us to earn a living without having to fear or flatter man.

"SUSTENANCE"

This has a broader significance than maintenance, it includes such needs

Men's Club Begins Efforts for Annual Baseball Party to be Held Sunday, June 23

Each year, our Men's Club arranges for a Baseball party some time during the spring. This function serves two purposes: it enables the members to spend an afternoon together and at the same time the funds raised by the affair enable the Club to carry on its philanthropic work in the community.

The Baseball Party this year will take place on Sunday, June 23, when the Club will attend a double-header between the Yankees and the Chicago White Sox at the Yankee Stadium. The games promise to be exciting ones and we are sure that all who attend will not regret having done so.

It is important that the plans for this type of event be made far in advance. We hope, therefore, that when you receive your tickets from Mr. H. William Hirsch, the Chairman of the Baseball Committee, you will indicate immediately whether you can accept them. Anyone interested

in attending the game who has not received tickets in the mail may contact either Mr. Hirsch or the Synagogue Office.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Regular classes will be resumed on Wednesday afternoon, April 24th at the regularly scheduled time.

Parents are urged to encourage their children to attend Junior Congregation on the Sabbath and Festivals.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Lilian Ritter upon the passing of her husband, **Milton Ritter**; and to our member, Mr. Meyer Friedman, upon the loss of his mother, **Fannie Friedman**; and to Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz, member of our Women's League Executive Board, upon the loss of her brother, **Dr. Benjamin Abramowitz**.

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PASSOVER FINDS ISRAELIS MAKING MORE SACRIFICES FOR IMMIGRANTS

The average American citizen probably never meets one of the thousands of Hungarian newcomers now entering the United States. The average Israeli citizen, on the other hand sees such newcomers every day and is deeply affected in his personal life by their problems and by the problems which their presence creates.

Even if he wanted to, the Israeli citizen could not ignore the newcomers. For the fact of mass immigration affects his daily living. Many things he buys carry an immigration tax. He may worry about the over-crowded conditions in the classrooms where his children study, about the cramped living conditions in Israel, and about the difficulty of improving these conditions.

The situation is so critical because Israel plans on receiving 100,000 immigrants during the current year instead of an expected 55,000. A great part of the cost of this huge immigration and resettlement will be borne by funds of the United Jewish Appeal, but the brunt of the burden is that of the people of Israel and their Government. This burden of immigration—coupled with the task of defense provision—grows constantly. Yet the people of Israel, remembering the message of the Passover Haggadah, have determined that no matter what the cost, the doors will remain open. Israel is

holding the door open so that every Jew in a danger zone who has a chance to escape can do so before the opportunity disappears.

The chance for freedom and safety can be lost, however, if UJA agencies do not get enough money to transport and resettle emigrants while they can still leave. Each \$1,000 raised for the Emergency Rescue Fund means another life saved.

The United Jewish Appeal Committee for the West Side Institutional Synagogue will launch its 1957 campaign at a dinner to be held on Tuesday evening, May 7, at the Hotel Esplanade, 74th Street and West End Avenue. The dinner will honor our Director Jacob Goodman.

No one at this dinner will be forced to pledge more than he can afford to give. Too many of us merely talk about Israel, but neglect to do anything about it. Attendance at this dinner is one thing of a tangible nature that we can do easily. Please remember, therefore, that we are counting on you. Kindly telephone or write to me NOW so that we can make the proper reservation for you.

Israel is calling upon her brothers and sisters and she expects each and every one of us to do our full duty.

Jacob Kaplan
Chairman

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

All our congregation joins in extending a hearty welcome to the following new members of our congregational family, with the earnest hope that they will make our synagogue building their second home: Mrs. Rebecca Band, Mrs. M. Bedrick, Robert Brodheim, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Elkins, Sigmund Geiduschek, Joshua P. Gelbfarb, Joseph I. Kirson, Sigmund Koppel, Murray H. Rosen, Eugene Ten Brink, Fred Waldman, B. Wanderer, Miss Bess Wasserman, and Henry Zimet . . . The worshippers at our daily morning minyan have been spiritually uplifted in more than one way, thanks to the generous contribution of certain stimulating beverages by Hyman Ross . . . We are happy to report that William Sokolin, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David Sokolin, is now on the way to complete recovery from his recent accident . . . A speedy recovery to Director Harry Mirken.

Birthday Greetings**April**

- 19—Saul J. Beck
Lenore E. Druckman
Mrs. Max E. Sanders
20—Jeanne Ellen Finkelstein
Marcia Goldberg
21—Steven Joseph Charney
Stephen Howard Shlansky
22—Bambi Gross
Israel Kestenbaum
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night, he should count during the day, without the blessing. However, if one skips an entire day, then, thereafter, he may count, only without the blessing.

The counting of the Omer continues for the seven weeks until the holiday of Shavuot. The Rabbis and commentators have given several reasons for the Biblical injunction. The most widely accepted is that the counting of the days between the two holidays demonstrates the fact that without spiritual redemption, which took place on Shavuot with the giving of the Torah, physical redemption, which occurred at Passover, can have little or no meaning. During the days of the Omer, we count time for the preparation of the spiritual redemption.

Historically, many tragedies have befallen the Jewish people during this season of the year. For that reason, we observe a "partial mourning" period during this time.

Last Days Yom Tov

The Passover holiday ends with two additional days of Yom Tov.

The reading for the Torah consists of the portion in Exodus concerning the deliverance on the Red Sea. Traditionally, this event took place on the seventh of Passover. On the eighth and final day, the portion of the Torah from the Book of Deuteronomy is read dealing with the Passover holiday and the counting of the Omer.

In addition, we recite only the Half Hallel on these days, omitting two chapters from the regular Hallel. Our rejoicing cannot be complete, say our Sages, since the redemption from Egypt involved the destruction of other of G-d's creations as we read: Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth." (Proverbs 24:)

After The Holiday

We are not permitted to benefit in any way from any forbidden cha-

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**Friday, Nisan 18 — Chol HaMoed**

Light candles before.....6:18
Evening service.....6:30
Counting of Omer: 4th day

Saturday, Nisan 19 — Chol HaMoed

Morning service.....8:45
Youth congregation10:00
Junior congregation10:30
Sabbath kindergarten10:30
Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12).....3:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....4:45
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class.....4:45
Mincha5:45
Reader of Torah: Seymour Ukeles
Reader of Service: Lawrence Kobrin
The Sabbath terminates.....7:06

Sunday, Nisan 20

Morning services7:00, 8:00, 8:45
Light festival candles.....6:20
Evening service.....6:30

Monday, Nisan 21 (April 22) — Passover VII

Morning service.....9:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....5:30
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class.....5:30
Mincha6:30

Tuesday, Nisan 22 (April 23) — Passover VIII

Morning service.....8:30
Yizkor prayers are recited before Musaf
Junior Congregation10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....5:30
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class.....5:30
Mincha6:30
The festival terminates.....7:09

Daily Services

Morning services.....6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha6:30
Followed by the explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

metz which remained in the possession of a Jew during the Passover holiday. This, which is known as "chametz she-avar alav ha-Pesach," is strictly forbidden. Therefore, it is important that we take care that all baked goods from Jewish stores which were prepared for sale on the last day of Passover should not be bought. Only bread or baked goods prepared completely **after** the Passover holiday are permitted.

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