

SHAVUOS BEGINS TUESDAY EVENING
YIZKOR SERVICES THURSDAY

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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 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.

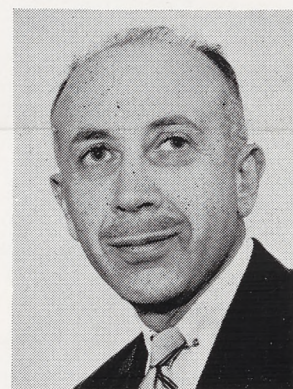
Tikun Shavuos

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 a 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

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MEN'S CLUB TO INSTALL OFFICERS



Men's Club President
Bennett Carter

At this Monday's regular meeting of our Men's Club, the newly elected officials of the group will be installed and assume their functions for the coming year. The meeting will take place on Monday, June 3, at 8:30 P.M.

Heading the slate of the newly elected officers is Mr. Bennett Carter, President. The other officers elected are: Leon Herman, 1st Vice President; Max Selsky, 2nd Vice President; Jacob Goldberg, Treasurer; Hyman Gottlieb, Financial Secretary; Louis Draiarsh, Recording Secretary; Alexander Kirsh, Sergeant-at-Arms.

We hope that as many men as possible will attend the meeting and give these officers their support.

REMINDER TO OUR PARENTS

All our youngsters should attend Junior Congregation on Shavuos, Wednesday and Thursday, June 5th and 6th at 10:30 A.M.

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

STAMP CLUB

A regular meeting of the Stamp Club will take place on Monday evening, June 3, at 7:30 P.M. in our Synagogue Building. All are cordially invited to participate.

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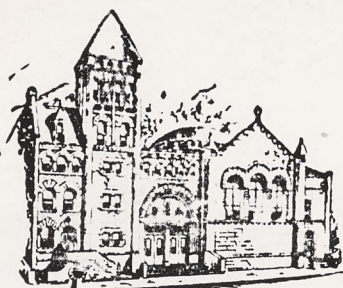
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Shavuot Notes

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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.

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor will be said on the second day of Shevuot, Thursday, June 6. 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

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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

V'hoo Rachum

"BUT THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH THEE THAT THOU MAYEST BE FEARED"

This gives us hope, that although we may be a greivous sinner, we may be forgiven. This brings us back, as a G-d fearing Jew once more, and elevates us again to the religious life.

"BECAUSE FOR OUR SINS AND FOR THE INIQUITIES OF OUR FATHERS JERUSALEM AND THY PEOPLE HAVE BECOME A BYWORD WITH ALL THAT ARE AROUND ABOUT US."

We confess, that because of our sins, we are kept back from rebuilding the Temple; and because of the iniquities of those who preceded us, the Temple was destroyed.

"NOW THEREFORE, HEARKEN, OUR G-D, UNTO THE PRAYER OF THY SERVANT AND TO HIS SUPPLICATIONS"

Therefore, we call upon G-d, and ask Him to hearken to our prayers, and our supplications, which today are our "Z'choos" our means of merit.

"O LORD HEAR: O LORD FORGIVE; O LORD HEARKEN AND DO; DEFER NOT"

We pray to G-d that He should **hear** our prayers, even though we have been distant from Him, and we ask to be forgiven for our sins. After we are forgiven and we are near unto G-d, we beg that He **hearken** unto our prayers, and **do** our bidding and grant us the good. We further pray that He should not delay granting us His bounties. We can speak to G-d in this fashion because we have come from being distant from Him, and now we are near unto Him.

A LETTER TO THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dear Members,

It has been my very good fortune to be President of this wonderful Women's League. Your warm hearted, spontaneous and cooperative spirit has made it a privilege to work with you.

I want to publicly express my deep appreciation and many thanks to every member for the energetic and untiring devotion to our many causes. Your dedicated service is the reason that we have grown to such proportions.

I know from past experience that this hospitable group of women, welcomes any one who shows the least inclination to friendliness. Therefore I know that our new President, Mrs. Fred Goldstein, who embodies all the attributes that make people rally round her because of her effervescent spirit, will continue to receive the whole hearted cooperation that you have given me.

I want to wish you all a most pleasant and healthful summer. I am looking forward to the fall, when once again we can renew our delightful friendships.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Foont

LUNCHEON THANKS

Our closing luncheon of the season in honor of our outgoing President, Mrs. William Foont, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, was successful both financially and socially. It was through the generous donation of our many hostesses and donors of lovely prizes that helped to swell our finances.

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The initial response to the building fund campaign has been gratifying. But we still have not heard from many of our members and friends.

Search your conscience and make your generous pledge for our new building now.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our choice for Book of the Month (also Generation), is our Congregation's handsomely bound and beautifully written brochure concerning our proposed new School and Community House adjoining our Synagogue building. It is our prayer and hope that it will now become a best seller by bringing from our members and friends everywhere at least the \$200,000 required for the construction of this great project for the improvement of the spiritual, educational, and social facilities of the youth and the elders of our Congregation . . . Happy as always to have at our last Sabbath Morning Services our Honorary Vice-President Max E. Sanders on a visit from California. And au-revoir to Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort who have returned to that state after a short stay with us . . . Heartiest congratulations to our ubiquitous Director Hyman H. Cohen upon his chairmanship of the 17th Annual Dinner of the Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath Afternoon Seuda shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Aladar Bernath . . . Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Murry Cumsky for their generous contribution of books to our Women's League lending Library . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wohl upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Jack, to Miss Dorothy E. Cohen, Jack's "aufruf" to be held at our Sabbath morning Serv-

ices tomorrow; and to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Lieberman upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Arthur, to Doris Greenberg, Arthur's "auf-ruf" to be held next Monday morning in our Synagogue.

Birthday Greetings

May

31—Rachel Ann Goldsmith

June

2—John D. Garrett

3—Leisha Langer

Mrs. Allen Moskowitz

4—Mrs. Bernard Bercu

Jacob Gross

Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld

5—Mrs. Mac Goldstein

Michael Samuel Kantrowitz

Anniversary Greetings

May

31—Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tessler

June

3—Mr. & Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz

4—Director & Mrs. Jess E. Gross

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Friday, Sivan 1

Light candles before8:01

Evening service6:40

Those who usher in the Sabbath at this time should recite the full "Shma" after dark.

Count Omer Friday night — 46th day

Saturday, Sivan 2

Naso, Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

Haftorah: Judges 13:2-25

Morning service9:00

Youth congregation10:00

Chazanim: Larry Hecht, Mervin Lindenbaum, Lewis Pekier

Junior congregation10:30

Participants:

Participants: Adam Kertesz, Aaron Reichel, Francine Gross

Sabbath kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12)4:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class6:35

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class6:35

Mincha7:35

Reader of Torah: Stanley Kaplan

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

Ethics of the Fathers — 6th Chapter

The Sabbath terminates8:55

Sunday, Sivan 3

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha8:10

Tuesday, Sivan 5 — Erev Shavuot

Light candles by8:04

Evening services7:55

Tikun Shavuot10:30

Wednesday, Sivan 6 — Shavuot I

Morning service9:00

Junior congregations10:30

Festival kindergarten10:30

Mincha6:45

Thursday, Sivan 7 — Shavuot II

Morning service8:30

Junior congregations10:30

Festival kindergarten10:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class7:20

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class7:20

Mincha8:20

The Festival terminates8:59

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