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WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPEN MEETING

TO FEATURE

HISTORY OF OUR SYNAGOGUE

Mrs. Fred Goldstein, president of the Women's League, informs us that the Women's League will hold their opening meeting on Monday, September 30, 1957, at 12:30 in the Synagogue Building. Their featured program will highlight our Synagogue's growth from 116th Street to its present site as highlighted and remembered by some of the key figures in the Sisterhood's history and progress. All are welcome. Women's League dues are only \$5.00 per year.



**What is Rosh Hashona?
Yom Kippur? Succoth?**

What is a Shofar? A Machzor?

These are the subjects about which your children will receive a thorough knowledge if they will be enrolled in our Hebrew School before the Holiday season. **All Classes in our Hebrew School are already in session.** We urge you to enroll your children at once in our Religious School. Our principal, Rabbi Reichel, will be glad to discuss with you the educational program of your child.

MEALS IN OUR SUCCAH

Reservations for the evening meals during Chol Hamoed and for Shemini Atzeres should be made at once by phoning our office TR 7-8281.

Breakfast may be had in the Succah on Chol Hamoed, after any one of our three morning services.

Rosh Hashona Notes



ERUV TAVSHULIN

Inasmuch as this year the days of Rosh Hashona fall on Thursday and Friday (followed by Shabbos) the ceremony of Eruv Tavshilin must be performed on Erev Rosh Hashona, because the law does not permit cooking or baking of food on one day of Yom Tov for the next day of Yom Tov or Shabbos. The Eruv Tavshilin meal prepared on Wednesday enables the housewife to complete the cooking of the meal on Friday.

A matzoh 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-ai elo-henu melech ha-olom asher kidsha-nu b'mitz-vo-sav v'tzi-va-nu al mitzvas e-ruv, . . . "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 thus prepared on Wednesday may be eaten.

PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR ESROG AND LULAV

Rabbi Pekier informs us that he is already accepting orders for a Lulav and Esrog. You may reach him either at the Synagogue office or at his home SC 4-5163. The earlier you order the better the choice.

TASHLICH PARTY FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

Our Rabbis will again lead the Tashlich procession this Rosh Hashonah, Thursday afternoon, Sept. 26th. Our Talmud Torah pupils, as well as Yeshiva pupils who attend our Synagogue will assemble in front of our Building at 4:30 o'clock, and will proceed together to Central Park. Delicious sweets will be distributed with the compliments of the House of Gross.

Today (Wednesday) at sundown, Jews throughout the world will usher in the two day New Year Festival 5718.

In Hebrew those two first days of Tishri are called by various names, each significant of its solemnity. **Rosh Hashona** — the head or Beginning of the Year; **Yom Hazikaron** — Day of Remembrance, recollection or reminder; **Yom Hadin** — Day of Judgment; **Yom Teruah** — day of the sounding of the Shofar.

SHOFAR

This sounding of the Shofar is a most significant and awe inspiring ceremony of the New Year. It has always been used throughout Jewish history in times of stress. In Biblical days it was used as a call for assembly, emergency or attack. The Mishnah lists other occasions when the Shofar was sounded: famine, drought, or national emergency. Rosh Hashona, therefore, is a fitting occasion to sound the Shofar (Yom Teruah), to remind the people (Yom Hazikaron) of the solemnity of the occasion (Yom Hadin), the Day of Judgment.

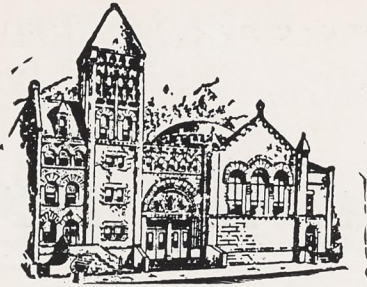
TASHLICH

On the first day after Mincha, (this year on Thursday) it is customary to go to a river or stream and recite the Tashlich prayer. "Tashlich" is the Hebrew word for cast or throw which is derived from the verse of the prayer said at the stream, "and thou shall cast all thy sins into the depths of the sea." The idea being, that we are to think of our life, and to resolve to rid ourselves of our sins.

SHEHECHYANU on the Second Night

In order to be able to make the Shehecheyanu again on the Second Night, some new fruit that has

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MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE OPENING EVENT

All young married couples of our Congregational Family are invited to attend the opening event of the season sponsored by our Mr. and Mrs. League on Sunday evening, October 13, in our Succah. Please hold this date open. A very enjoyable and stimulating evening is being prepared by the Arrangements Committee.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

TACHNUN (Continued)

"TURN FROM THY STRONG WRATH"

Because of our great suffering, we pray that G-d's wrath may be quieted, and that He may be comforted.

Six times we repeat the refrain, "O Lord G-d of Israel, turn from Thy wrath, and relent of the evil against Thy people." We beg G-d for His mercy, and forgiveness, for our failure to heed the six warnings in the "Imprecations" found in Chapter 26 of the Book of Leviticus.

פסוק may mean "praise" or "derision". Here it means "derision".

"WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED"

When we slaughter sheep, we do so for food. We are regarded by the nations as sheep that must be slain. We thought this was only for the Dark Middle Ages. Alas, even in our enlightened twentieth century, we find the re-occurrence of the wholesale slaughter of the Jewish people — What a travesty on our modern non-Jewish civilization. The professors of the Universities stood by without protest.

"YET DESPITE ALL THIS, WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THEE"

We have sung in the concentration camps "Ah-nee Mah-ah-meen" "I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah, and, though he tarry, I will wait for his coming" — The Jew has always arisen sublime from the depths, into which the non-Jewish world has cast him.

"WE ARE WEARY"

The Poles and the Germans, like the Amalakites, have attacked us as the Bible tells us when we were "tired and faint". We had 3 million Jews in Poland, now a scant fifty thousand, and still they do not allow us any respite. We continue the refrain, and say, "YET DESPITE ALL THIS, WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THY NAME: WE BESEECH THEE, FORGET US NOT." We are truly of the "stock of Abraham", the "Father of the Faithful".

I APOLOGIZE

This is my confession: this is my apology . . .

First — may I say I meant no harm — at worst I was only being thoughtless. May I ask you to forgive me, if I have disturbed you last year during the High Holiday service by talking or whispering when you were trying to pray?

If I have offended your good taste by standing outside in front of the building (as if I were on the reception committee) instead of coming inside to pray — if I have annoyed you by constantly craning my neck to see who had arrived, or who was arriving; if I gossiped or talked over a business deal; if I marched up and down the aisle searching for my long-lost friend I hadn't talked to since yesterday . . . forgive me please; I meant no harm; I just didn't stop to think. I forgot the sacred purpose for which these days had been set aside.

Our Jewish New Year is an oasis which is designed to quench our religious thirst. It is a time for prayer, for remembering, for soul-searching, for thought and meditation. It is not a time for gossip, for visiting, or for comparison of new clothes.

This year as perhaps never before

in our lives we feel a need for prayer, a need for renewal of our faith. This year we will have no patience for anyone who comes for anything but prayer.

This is my apology . . . If I have ever disturbed your prayer in the past, please forgive me! I promise I shall not do it again—will you please promise me to do the same?

By Bea Sherman (UOJCA Publication)

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 5th, 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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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Wednesday — Rosh Hashonah Eve
Light Candles6:18
Eruv Tavshilin
Mincha6:30

Thursday — Tishri I — Rosh Hashonah I
Morning Service7:30
Youth Congregation10:30
Junior Congregation10:30
Mincha—followed by Tashlich4:15
Reading of Psalms after Tashlich
Light Candles6:19
Maariv6:45

Friday, Tishre 2 — Rosh Hashonah II
Morning Service7:30
Youth Congregation10:30
Junior Congregation10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class5:30
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class5:30
Light Candles6:20
Mincha6:30
Maariv6:45

Saturday, Tishre 3 — Shabbos Shuva
Weekly Portion — Ha-azeenu
Deuteronomy 32 Hosea 14:2-10
Joel 2:15-27
Morning Service9:00
Youth Congregation10:30
Junior Congregation10:30
Mincha5:00
Rabbi Reichel's Discourse
The Sabbath Terminates7:08

Sunday — Tishre 4 — Fast of Gedaliah
Selichos6:30, 7:40

Daily Services
Morning Servicesabout 6:45, 7:20, 8:30
Selichos6:15, 8:00
Mincha6:15

Friday, Tishre 9 — Yom Kippur Eve
Morning Services6:45, 7:30, 8:15
Selichos6:30, 8:00
Mincha Servicesfrom 2 to 4
Light Candles before6:10
Kol Nidre Services6:15

Saturday, Tishre 10 — Yom Kippur
Morning Services8:20

TEN DAYS OF PENITENCE

Rosh Hashona inaugurates the Ten Days of Penitence (Aseres Yemai Tshuvah) which comes to a climax on Yom Kippur. This period is an especially opportune time for prayer, self-examination, and penance. Special prayers called Selichos are said during these days.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

For the convenience of the parents and for the enlightenment of the children, there will be a Junior High Holy Day Service for the children of Talmud Torah age during the High Holidays, at 10:30 A.M.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE OPENING
MEETING MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 8 P.M.**

Rosh Hashona Notes (Cont'd)

not been eaten for a long time should be served such as pomegranates or fresh figs.

SHABBOS SHUVA

The Sabbath following Rosh Hashona is called "Shabbos Shuva," the Sabbath of Penitence, the name being derived from the Haftora chanted on this Sabbath which begins with the word "Shuva"—"Return, O Israel unto the Lord" (by the prophet Hosea).

It is also customary for the spiritual leader or Rabbi to give a Drasha or Halachic Discourse to impress the people with the importance of "Tshuva," or repentance. A "Baal Tshuva," one who has sin-

cerely repented is in a higher category even than the "Tzadik".

Rabbi Reichel will deliver this discourse in our synagogue on Saturday afternoon.

TZOM GEDALIAH

The day after Rosh Hashona is observed as a fast day. Since this would be on Saturday, this year, it is postponed to Sunday. This fast day is called Tzom Gedaliah because it commemorates the assassination of Gedaliah ben Achikam, the last Jewish Governor of Israel after the destruction of the First Temple by Nebuchadnezzar. It ended the Jewish hope for self-government for a period of 70 years until the return from the Babylonian Exile.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

We extend a warm hand of welcome to each of the following new members of our congregation, who we trust will participate in as many of our religious, cultural and social activities as possible: Mrs. Molly Bergman, Dr. Manfred Braun, H. Jerome Chazen, Dr. E. Malcolm Cohen, Sidney Ginsberg, Max Kirschbaum, Edward Kramer, Louis Kusselman, David Lerner, Bernard Lipshitz, Louis Lober, Dr. George J. Lunzer, Henry Moed, Theodore Rosen and Dr. Joshua Schwartz . . . Happy to have with us from Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Axelrod . . . Our hearty welcome home to Director G. Richard Rubenstein from Japan . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis this week will be our Men's Club Treasurer, Mr. Jacob Goldberg. . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Goodman (our Women's League Corresponding Secretary), upon the engagement of their son, Jacob Joseph; to Miss Elsa Lehr.

Birthday Greetings:

September

- 25—President Lester Udell
Judith Bernstein
Mrs. Morris Edelson
- 26—Philip Nager
- 27—Etta F. Gertz
Ellen May Greenfield
Hymen Druker
Joseph Moses
- 28—Mrs. Mae Feltman
George Samuel Greenstein
- 29—Jonathan Neil Harris
Mrs. Jess E. Gross
- 30—Mrs. Lenore Finkelstein

October

- 1—Mrs. Jacob Bayer
Diane Beth Kreisman
- 2—Sylvia Jacoby
Mrs. Leon Kantrowitz
Albert Schmeidler

Anniversary Greetings:

- September**
28—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kleinfeld
- October**
2—Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan

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