

**Succos Thursday and Friday
Eruv Tavshilin Wednesday**

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TALMUD TORAH PARENTS ANSWER CALL FOR A NEW BUILDING

One of our parents came to see Rabbi Reichel and pledged \$725.00 for the new building. This was followed by a pledge by Mr. Milton Bernard of \$250. In addition the following letter speaks for itself.

Tangier, Sept. 19, 1957
Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, M.H.L.
c/o West Side Institutional
Synagogue
120-138 West 76th Street
New York 23, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi:

I am awfully sorry that it will be impossible for me to be in the USA during the holidays and therefore I would like to extend to you by this way my very best wishes on occasion of ROSH HASHONO.

To you and your dear family, I wish much happiness, good health and everything best.

At the same time, I would like to thank you especially for the excellent results which my children effected at Talmud-Torah School and which made me really very happy. I hope that they will do as well the next term.

Please find enclosed herewith check for \$100.00 which I would ask you to be good enough to use as a contribution for the building of the new School.

Wishing you once more enjoyable holidays, I remain, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
Sigmund Koppel

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for their annual Shemini Atzeres
"At Home"

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229 West 77th St. from 3:30 to
Apt. 31 6 o'clock

First Day Succos To Begin Tonight

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPEN MEETING to be a LUNCHEON MEETING IN OUR SUCCAH

Mrs. Fred Goldstein, president of the Women's League, announces that the next open meeting of the Women's League will be held on Monday, October 14, 1957, at 12:30 P.M. Luncheon will be served promptly so that the planned program may be fully enjoyed.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will talk briefly on the Succoth Holiday — its customs, and ceremonies. Mr. Abraham M. Druckman will narrate and show the beautiful film "Inside Israel" which he took just a few months ago. This is an open meeting — all are welcome.

MEN'S CLUB OCTOBER 14th MEETING IN SUCCAH

Mr. Bennet Carter, President of the Men's Club, of the W.S.I.S., announces that a meeting of the Men's Club on Monday, October 14th, Chol Hamoed Succos, will take place in our Synagogue Succah at 8:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served so that each member can participate in the blessing of "Leyshev B'succah".

All Men's Club members are urged to attend and help in making this a true Chol Hamoed Succos festivity. They are also asked to come early because very important matters will be discussed during the business part of the meeting.

SUCCOTH FESTIVAL

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**Sunday
October 13th
8:00 P.M.**

**MARK THE DATE
HIRE YOUR SITTER**

The Mr. & Mrs. League of the W.S.I.S. would like you to sit in the Succah with them under the stars and join them in fun and feast.

**Refreshments :- Entertainment
Free**

Today at sundown we begin the celebration of the seven day holiday known as Succos, plus "Shmini Atzeres" and "Simchas Torah" respectively. Succos is one of the three holidays or "Shalosh Regolim" in which all Jews would go on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to offer thanksgiving to G-d.

A SEASON OF REJOICING

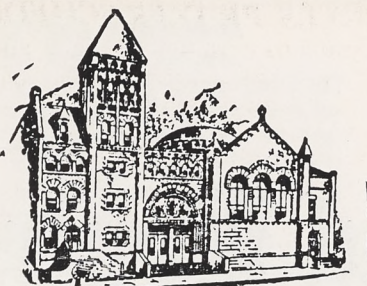
At all times, Succos has been a joyous holiday. It is called "zman simchusenu" "a season for our rejoicing." In fact it is the only holiday which the Torah mentions three times the word "somachtu" or "somaiach" "rejoice" or "joyful" in regard to the holiday (see Deuteronomy XVI:13-16 and Leviticus XXIII:39). It is also the holiday which is simply called in Leviticus as "the Feast of the Lord," thus giving to Succos a greater importance than the other holidays. This idea is further borne out by the Prophet Zechariah whose Haftorah is chanted on the first day of Succos "And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of the nations . . . shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles." (XIV:16). The prophet thus guarantees that Succos shall remain a holiday in Messianic times.

CHAG HAASIF

Succos is also known as "Chag Haasif" or Festival of Ingathering" because Succos comes at a time "after thou has gathered in from thy threshing floor and from thy winepress." It is therefore an opportune time for all Jews to express thanksgiving to the Lord in the form of "Hallel" for his great bounty.

"SIMCHAS BES HASHOEVAH"

A very impressive ceremony connected with the holiday in Temple times was the celebration of the Simchas Base Hashoevah or ceremony of pouring water on the altar in the Temple. This ceremony is
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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Regular classes will be in session this Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. On the latter two days our pupils are inviting their friends to join them in a party in our Succah with delicious refreshments.

There will be Services for the Children of our Congregational Family on the Festival and on Saturday Morning.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

TACHNUN (Cont'd)

THE "AYL ERECH APAYIM" PRAYER

"REBUKE US NOT IN THINE ANGER"

This was part of Jehosaphat's prayer seeking G-d's help against Ammon and Moab his enemies, in battle. (See 2nd Book of Chronicles, Chapter 20 Verse 12.) There are two types of anger: 1. and 2.

The first is the anger we display

TAKING THE TORAH OUT OF THE ARK

"STAND"

Moses calls upon the ARK — (to "STAND"

Because the Ark was moved when the "Clouds of Glory" appeared. When it was necessary to have the

"SCATTERED"

This refers to the counsellors of our enemies. We pray that they "SHALL FLEE"

They shall run away from us when we are in battle with them.

The enemies of Israel are the enemies of G-d. This thought is expressed throughout the Bible. Today too, the Nazis, the Communists, the enemies of Israel, are enemies of G-d.

The question has been asked why did not Moses call the people to "TSHUVAH" — to "Repentance," when they went into battle? — The answer is, that Moses knew that be-

"FOR OUT OF ZION SHALL COME FORTH THE LAW"

The place from which the LAW came forth, was where the Sanhed-

"THE WORD OF THE LORD"

refers to prophecy. Most of the prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc.

openly, and the second is the anger in our hearts. The first is expressed by physical punishment and the second by speech. So we pray to G-d, if we are to be punished, let it be only in words (See Malbim).

those who are carrying it) —

ARK stand, Moses would call upon the "Clouds of Glory" not to move further.

may become "scatter-minded", indefinite, confused, and disunited.

fore a battle the people's hearts and the soldier's minds naturally turn to G-d. "There are no atheists in fox-holes". However, after the war, when people are at rest, then there is time to call for repentance. Repentance should not emanate merely because of fear of G-d, but out of love of G-d. Therefore when the Ark rested, Moses prayer for "SHUVAH" — for a return to G-d, from sin to the observance of the Torah.

rin sat in a compartment of the Holy Temple, called "Liskat Hagazim."

Prophesied from Jerusalem. (See Malbin on Isaiah)

MAZEL TOV ON THEIR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Our congregation extends a heartfelt mazel tov to two of our indefatigable workers of the Men's Club and Women's League, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Friedlander, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

May it, please G-d, that we should all be able to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL MEETS ENCOURAGING RESPONSE

At our Synagogue's Yom Kippur services, last Friday and Saturday the traditional appeals were made by our officers and Rabbis for funds for our institution. The appeals in all three of our services, met with most encouraging responses.

Our President, Lester Udell, stressed the fact that the W.S.I.S. depends on each and every one of its members and worshippers. If you were away for the High Holidays, or

for some reason did not make any pledge at the appeal, we trust that you will not forget to send your contribution to the Synagogue Office, as many have already done, who were out of town for the holidays.

Only with the financial help of all our friends can the W.S.I.S. continue its many varied activities and services to the community. We hope you will aid us.

SUCCOS NOTES

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described in the Talmud, in the Tract Succah in a Mishnah which begins with the words "Whoever has not seen the 'Simchas Bes Ha-shoevah' has never seen a 'Simcha' or joyous occasion in all his life." (Succah 51a). This celebration took place on the second night of Succos.

THE SUCCAH — IT'S LESSONS

The commandment to dwell in Succos or Booths is given in the Torah "ye shall dwell in booths seven days, . . . that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt." (Leviticus XXIII:8) Our sages further elaborated upon the above reason deducting great moral lessons. Maimonides says that in days of prosperity we should not forget the periods of adversity and evil. This will give us a sense of humility. The Rashbam, nephew of Rashi, and an important commentator in his own right, declares that in times of prosperity, man is apt to think that the reason he is well off is, because of his own wisdom and strength. Therefore, G-d commanded us to leave our own warm, comfortable home and dwell in a Succah as a reminder that all is the handiwork of G-d. In a similar vein the Talmud explains that the frail roof of the Succah should prevent us from putting our trust in the power of man.

"THE FOUR SPECIES"

In addition to the commandment of the Succah, the Torah commands us "And ye shall take on the first day the fruits of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees and willows of the brook and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your G-d seven days" (Leviticus XXIII:40). The fruit of the goodly tree is the citron or esrog; the branch of the palm tree is the lulav; boughs of thick trees are the myrtle or hadasim; and the branches of the willow or hoshanas.

To the lulav are attached three myrtle twigs and two willow

branches. Each of the first seven festival mornings except on the Sabbath, every member of the family is to pronounce a blessing over them, holding the lulav in the right hand and the esrog in the left.

The "Baalei Hatosfes" that is the authors of the "Tosfes" commentaries elaborating on the Midrash, attach the following meanings for the esrog and lulav. The "four species", stand for four important organs of the body: esrog for the heart, lulav for the spine, myrtle for the eye and willow for the lips or mouth. Therefore, we are to praise the Lord in toto, with our mouth, heart, eye and spine which is the mainstay of our body. *Another interpretation compares them to four types of persons. The esrog represents the righteous who possess the aroma of the Torah and the good taste of good deeds, the lulav represents those possessing taste or good deeds but lack the aroma or Torah learning, the myrtle those who possess aroma or Torah learning, but lack taste or good deeds and the willow those that lack both. We bind them together to show that G-d's mercy is greatest when all Israel is united.

CHOL HAMOED

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth days are known as "Chol Hamoed". "Chol" means ordinary week day and "moed" means holiday. In other words, these days are considered as half-holidays. Work is allowed on these days. But we are to make them as much a holiday as is possible. We observe Chol Hamoed by eating in the Succah, making a blessing over the esrog and lulav, and by reciting the Hallel and holiday musaf in our prayers. In addition we are to do only the work that is necessary.

HOSHANA RABAH

The seventh day of Succos is called "Hoshana Rabbah" meaning, Great Help. Although this day is treated as Chol Hamoed, it is more of a holiday than the rest of Chol Hamoed. This is due to the fact that

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, TISHRE 14—EREV SUCCOS

Erev Tavshilin before candle lighting
Light Candles Before6:08
Mincha6:00

THURSDAY, TISHRE 15 — SUCCOS I

Morning Service9:00
Youth Congregation10:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Holiday Kindergarten10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class5:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class5:00
Mincha6:00
Light Candles6:06

FRIDAY, TISHRE 16 — SUCCOS II

Morning Service9:00
Youth Congregation10:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Holiday Kindergarten10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class5:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class5:00
Mincha6:00
Light Candles Before6:04

SATURDAY, TISHRE 17 — SHABBOS
CHOL HAMOED

Saturday Morning Service8:30
Youth Congregation10:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class4:30
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class4:30
Mincha5:30
The Sabbath Terminates6:54

DAILY SERVICES

Sunday, Tishre 18 — Chol Hamoed
Morning Services6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Monday and Tuesday, Tishre 19-20 —
Chol HaMoed
Morning Services6:30, 7:30, 8:15
Mincha6:00
Tuesday, Tishre 20 — Hoshana Rabbah
Tikun9:30 P.M.
Wednesday, Tishre 21 — Hoshana Rabbah
Morning Services6:15, 7:15
Mincha6:00

the season of judgment ends on Hoshana Rabbah. Many Jews stay up all night on the night of Hoshana Rabbah saying Tikun which consists of chanting psalms, reading Deuteronomy, and other sacred books. It is an ancient tradition that after midnight, the heavens open and therefore it is the most opportune time to spend it in learning Torah and saying of Psalms.

The whole Hoshanas prayers are said. The procession with the lulav and esrog around the bimah is seven times, instead of once as it is on the other days Succos (Excepting Sabbaths). At the end of the Hoshanas prayers, the bundle of willow branches called Hoshanos is beaten on the ground five times. This custom of the bundle of Hoshanos dates back to the days of the Prophets as explained in the prayer said after the beating of the Hoshanos.

GETTING PERSONAL

Our High Holy Days Services were, as always, a profoundly inspiring religious experience. Officiating, were our beloved Rabbis, Herbert S. Goldstein and O. Asher Reichel, who delivered meaningful messages and, assisting for the Holy Days, Rabbi Milton Furst, who spoke very well; and our golden-voiced Cantor Zalman Yavneh, whose rendition of the prayers gave perfect expression to the holiness of the occasion. Mr. Israel Kestenbaum excelled, as usual, in the blowing of the Shofar . . . For helping maintain decorum at the services, our heartfelt gratitude to the noble efforts of our Director Moses Jack Berlin, Herbert Perlman, and Samuel Ward. Our overflow services were ably directed by Messrs. Alexander Golden and Gabriel F. Goldstein, and ushered by Ned Kirsh and Isaac Perlman . . . Welcome to our member, Dr. Henry R. Gold, upon his return from Europe. He participated in the International Congress of Psychiatry in Zurich where he delivered three papers . . . Our Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis will be held tomorrow in our Succah, and the host will be our Men's Club President, Bennet Carter.

Birthday Greetings**Oct.**

- 9—Susan Ronnie Roth
- Rachelle Anne Kaplan
- 10—Mrs. Samuel Gardner
- 11—Mrs. Julius Bayer
- J. J. Bernstein
- 12—Daniel C. Davis
- Mrs. Louis Meisel
- Harry Shalita
- 14—Cyrus I. Yavneh
- 15—Jesse L. Greenstein
- Jules Jeff Moskowitz
- Howard Ray Rifkin

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Shemini Atzeres, Thursday, October 17, 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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122 West 76th Street, New York City

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for my

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Anniversary Greetings**Oct.**

- 11—Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Goodgold
- 12—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blankfort
- 13—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bank
- 14—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldberg

A MEN'S CLUB ACHIEVEMENT

This year as in previous years, the Men's Club has again conducted a very successful, dignified and impressive High Holy Day Service at Manhattan Towers Hotel. Chief credit is due to the team under the leadership of the Men's Club president, Mr. Bennet Carter. First and foremost comes Alex Kirsh, Chairman of the Seat-Selling Committee, who did not miss a single day since ticket selling started, and showed an interest in it, that even a man in his own business could not evince.

Then, too, honors are due to Leon Herman, Chairman of the Religious Committee and H. William Hirsch, his able guide and assistant in distributing the honors. They are worthy of the saying of our sages, "Who is to be honored? Those who honor others." Full praise must also be given to Fred Heiser and Myron Friedlander for laboring so hard and effective in the ushering department and to Jacob Goldberg, Max Selsky and Hyman B. Gordon, for whom no chore was too big or too small.

The above persons could not so ably carry out their functions without the aid of the following; Herman H. Cohen, Ben K. Eisenberg, Phil Nager, Irving Silver, Frank Taks, and Harry Ward.

No account of the Manhattan Towers Auxiliary service is complete without the mention of its "Baal Mussaph", Mr. Irving Silver, a member of the Men's Club, who officiated as Cantor.

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