

A HAPPY SHEVUOS.
YIZKOR ON MONDAY.

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*Shevuos Starts
Saturday Night, May 24th*



This Saturday night, after the termination of the Sabbath, we usher in one of the "Sholesh Regalim," the Festival of Shevuos, the Feast of Weeks. This Holiday is of great significance to the Jews. It is the Holiday that identifies us as Jews, for on this Holy Day we were chosen to receive the Torah at the foot of Mt. Sinai. The Holiday is therefore known as "Zman Matan Torasenu," The Season of Receiving our Torah.

Tikun Shevuos

To commemorate this divine oc-

Ads for Souvenir Album Lagging; Synagogue Sorely in Need of Funds.

casion we decorate our Synagogue with leaves and flowers reminiscent of the greenery atop Mt. Sinai. Another beautiful tradition is the "Mishmar," the staying up all night in the Synagogue and reciting "Tikun Shevuos." The latter is a collection of selections from the Bible and Mishna. Our readers are cordially invited to join us in the Synagogue beginning at 10:30 P.M. on Saturday night for this all night vigil.

It is a tradition to eat dairy foods on this festival. One reason given is that the Torah has been likened to "milk and honey."

During the Morning Services of the First Day, we read the Ten Com-

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After an initial spurt a few weeks ago, the ads for our Souvenir Album have slowed. At the rate it is coming in now, the Synagogue faces a deficit, because all funds derived from this project go to cover our present budgetary needs. Unless we get more cooperation from all members and friends of the Synagogue in the next few weeks, we will be far short of our goal.

We are confident, however, that all friends and members of the Synagogue as well as friends of Director Harry Altman, will not let him or the Synagogue down but will do their utmost to give their own ads, and see to it that their business associates and friends do likewise.

We know that everyone in our Synagogue will try his best to make the Reception in honor of Director Harry Altman a memorable one. The only way we can do it is by seeing to it that everyone's name is in the Album which is dedicated to him and which will be presented to him on Tuesday evening, June 17th at the Reception. Director Harry Altman has earned this honor by giving unstintingly of himself every-time the Synagogue has called upon him. It is only fitting therefore that we try to reciprocate by presenting him with an Album showing our full appreciation.

Won't you send a greeting to your Synagogue — the W.S.I.S. — this week.

"...BUT THE STUDY OF TORAH IS EQUAL TO THEM ALL."

....THE MISHNAH

Many a parent says I will register my children in the Talmud Torah later. George will be a Rabbi a day later and Sylvia will be a Rebbitzin a day later. What an awful mistake this is. Jacob, our father, said, "O, bring Jewish children to me that I may show them the beauty and the blessedness of their Divine religion." We Jews are proverbial for the way in which we take care of our poor, and relieve their material misery and suffering. But we are also notorious today for the manner in which we neglect the spiritual welfare of our young, whether rich or poor."

Our Talmud Torah is open now for registration for the next term. Rabbi Reichel will be glad to enroll every child according to his or her need. Let us remember the words of the great English bard, who said, "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined."

Moses transmitted unto us the Torah which is the inheritance of the Jewish people. Please make sure that your child gets his spiritual inheritance, his future moral safety, by studying the word of G-d in his or her early childhood.

For your convenience, please mail this coupon

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Pupil's name and age

Parent

Address

Telephone

REMINDER TO OUR PARENTS

All our youngsters should attend Junior Congregation on Shavuot, Sunday and Monday, May 25th and 26th at 10:30 A.M., as well as on Saturdays.

On the Jewish Festivals pupils are excused from Public School attendance. Rabbi Reichel will be glad to give a letter to the school authorities to excuse our students for the absence they will incur on Monday, May 26th.



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COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

PSALM 27 (Continued)

"BE STRONG AND LET THINE HEART TAKE COURAGE"

In other words, the Psalmist refers here to the time when trouble or temptation comes upon us.

"YEA, WAIT THOU FOR THE LORD"

Even in trouble or in temptation we should hope. Prayer will certainly help us during those moments when we sincerely seek G-d's help.

Someone playing upon the Hebrew word "Kafe" which sounds like coffee said, "If I do not have my coffee (my hope) twice a day, I do not know how I would hold up."

Special Psalm Read In The House Of A Mourner

Psalm 49

"FOR THE CHIEF MUSICIAN A PSALM FOR THE SONS OF KORAH"

In this Psalm the problem is raised concerning the prosperity of the wicked. The answer is that any injustice or inequality is corrected in their life, or in the life beyond. If we believe in G-d, we must believe in Justice, when each and everyone of us shall receive our just desserts. When a scamp was about to be lowered to the grave, Carlyle declared, "Who shall repay him for what he has done?"

Why were the Sons of Korah talking against wealth as they do in this Psalm? It was because they saw the downfall of their father due to his great wealth.

"HEAR THIS ALL YE PEOPLES; GIVE EAR, ALL YE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD: BOTH LOW AND HIGH, RICH AND POOR, TOGETHER"

The expression "B'nay Awdawm" refers to the lower classes and "B'nay Ish" refers to the higher type of people.

"LYRE"

The lyre was used to awaken one's spirit.

"WHEREFORE SHOULD I FEAR IN THE DAYS OF EVIL"

The Psalmist with complete faith is unafraid even when evil men are in control.

"WHEN THE INIQUITY OF THEM, WHICH SUPPLANT ME, SURROUNDETH ME"

The word supplant is "Ah-Kayvie" which means "to tread upon." In other words, those who surround him his evil neighbors, regard sin or evil as a small matter and tread upon one with impunity.

"NONE OF THEM CAN BY ANY MEANS REDEEM HIS BROTHER"

Even with all their wealth, he cannot prevent him his wrath.

"FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THEIR SOUL IS COSTLY, AND MUST BE LET ALONE FOREVER"

When it comes to redeem the soul, we feel it is too costly or too difficult and because of this the soul is left alone forever. Religious observance and the giving of proper sums to charity and personal service are indeed at times inconvenient, very expensive, and hard, nevertheless these are the means by which we can redeem our souls.

Shevuos Notes

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mandments and chant the Akdamos, a beautiful poem in Aramaic, lauding the greatness of the L-rd and the Torah, and describing a future of bliss and peace for the righteous.

On the Second Day, the idyllic story of Ruth is read. This is to commemorate the Yahrzeit of King David who died on Shevuos and was descended from Ruth.

JEWISH INFORMATION HOUR FOR TEEN AGERS

Alumni of our Hebrew School and all young people over 13 are invited to attend another Jewish Information Hour, Saturday, May 24th, at 6:30 P.M. in our Building.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL DONORS (Cont'd)

Mr. Gottfried, Kalman Kinzler, Samuel Schwarzman, Leo Sussman, K. Weitzman.

Women's League Activities

Memo from Mrs. Eddie Schreiber

Having been on advisory Committees and knowing the amount of work and detail that goes into a successfully planned luncheon. I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation and loyalty to our Chairman, Mrs. William Foont, our President, Mrs. Fred Goldstein, and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Michael Weingarten, our Treasurer, Mrs. Jacob Isseks, our Chairman of Prizes, Mrs. William Wedeen and to the many others, too numerous to mention, for a MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE.

The afternoon was one beautiful bell tone after another, a symphony long to be remembered.

My heartfelt thanks to all,

Jen Schreiber

To All My Friends of the Women's League

Our Closing Luncheon of the season was both a financial and social success. This could not have been so, if it weren't for the help of every woman in our Women's League.

My grateful thanks to you all.

Sylvia Foont

"ORCHIDS TO YOU"



Mrs. Walter Freeman



Mrs. Jennie Yabrow

We of the Women's League are very fortunate to have such wonderful, conscientious and diligent women as Shirley Freeman and Jennie Yabrow as Recording Secretaries. Their minutes, Shirley at the Open Meetings and Jennie at the Board Meetings, are always so complete, that if a member should miss a meeting, the minutes bring her up to date to the last detail.

I figuratively "pin an orchid" on each of you for a year of service to our Women's League that I hope will bring you both G-d's blessings for good health and happiness. I most humbly thank you for your help to me in my capacity as President.

Lillian (Mrs. Fred) Goldstein

Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

May	Sivan	
24	5	Elias Silver Morris Pauker
25	6	Oscar Bloom Bertha Leibovitz Levy
26	7	Gittel Settel Mary Goodman Annie Solomon Nathan Jablow
27	8	Esther Malke Bloom Celia Kirsh Samuel Greenfield
28	9	Nathan Kirsh Abraham A. Frankel Jennie Lewis
29	10	Louis Jacobs Felix Gouled
30	11	Katherine S. Gladstone

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS RE: SUMMER CAMPS

I cannot urge you too strongly to send your children to a summer camp where Judaism, the Sabbath and kashruse, are being observed. From a long range point of view, a summer camp leaves a lasting impression upon the child — and an abiding love and respect for Judaism should be included in that youthful impression. I shall be glad to recommend to you private camps which have very high standards. All who are interested in further information are urged to contact me at once.

Sincerely yours,
RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL

PLEASE NOTE!

A modern Ritualarium (Mikvah) is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St., MO 3-0300.

W.S.I.S. SABBATH AND FESTIVAL PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to ...7:55

Weekly Portion — Bemidbar

Numbers 1:4-20, Hosea 2:11-22

Friday Evening Service6:40

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

Counting of Omer — 42

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Chazanim: Alan Cohen, Jack Koppel

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class7:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class7:00

Mincha8:00

Reader of Torah: William Etra

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

Perek VI

The Sabbath Terminates —

Festival Candles to be Kindled After 8:49

Night Vigil begins at10:30

Sunday morning — Shevuos I9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Chazanim: Frank Koppel, Aaron Reichel

Festival Kindergarten10:30

Mincha7:40

Light Candles

Monday Morning — Shevuos II8:40

YIZKOR

Junior Congregation10:30

Chazanim: Daniel Jesselson, Joel Silver

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class7:10

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class7:10

Mincha8:10

The Festival terminates8:50

Daily Morning Services

Tues., Wed., and Fri. ...6:45, 7:45, and 8:15

Thursday6:45, 7:45, and 8:30

Mincha8:05

NEW UNIFIED CHAPTER OF RELIGIOUS ZIONISTS

Representative leaders of the Miz-rachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi chapters of the West Side have decided to form a unified chapter of religious zionists to be called the West Side R.Z.A.

Mr. Jacob Unterman was unanimously elected chairman of the Steering Committee. Other members of this committee from our Synagogue are Max Etra and Mark Linker. Among the Members of the Executive Board are Jacob Frankel, Henry L. Kraushar, M. Morton Rubenstein and Aaron Schreiber.

A COMMUNAL DINNER

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America will have its annual dinner on Tuesday night, June 3rd at the Hotel Roosevelt.

Presidents Awards will be conferred upon 18 president and communal leaders across the nation.

Reservations may be made by calling the office of the Union, BE 3-2220.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

The party commemorating the 10th anniversary of the founding of our Mr. and Mrs. League was a gala and glorious event. David Gribetz was something to see as an auctioneer, garbed as he was in exotic oriental costumes. The lyrical Anniversary Song was composed by Selma Garfiel and led by Warren Goldsmith. Special thanks are due to the co-chairmen, Estelle Gribetz and Annette Reisman, and to the prexy of the evening, Sally Goodgold. Credits are also due to Betty Gursky who was in charge of publication. Rabbi Morton Garfiel led in the saying of Grace . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Julius Bayer, Mr. Isak Haselkorn, and to Mr. Benjamin Katz . . . Happy to see back at our Sabbath services our Director Jess Ward after his recent illness . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sage, and to the grandmother, Mrs. Ella Sagalowitz, upon the engagement of their son and grandson, Martin Lee, to Miss Gloria Welt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Welt of Brooklyn; to the great grandfather, Mr. Louis Abramson, the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A. Abramson and Mrs. M. Billet, and to the parents Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Billet upon the birth of Stephen Matthew Billet; and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perlman and the parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perlmutter upon the birth of Elizabeth Ellen Perlmutter . . . Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ball for the donation of 4½ dozen "Machsovim" in honor of the approaching marriage of their son Jay Harold Ball to Erica Weisz.

Birthday Greetings:**May**

- 16—Eugene Schafer
- 23—Kenneth Joseph Bernstein
Dr. Jerome J. Goldstein
Mrs. Harry C. Soffer
- 24—Joshua Levine
Mrs. Arthur Moll
- 25—Richard Bruce Goldstein
Barbara Miller
Aaron Neustadter
- 26—Eugene Mark Bergman
David J. Goldberg
Mrs. Harold Miller
Murray B. Yavneh
- 27—Mrs. Joseph Blankfort
Mrs. Mark Linker
Buddy Udell
- 28—Mrs. Monroe Gaines
Mrs. Irving Kobrin
Mrs. Max Zahler

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MOTHER'S DAY

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Mothers Day is one of the most sacred days on the calendar of the American people, because it calls for introspection on the part of mothers and filial obligations on the part of children. Our mothers of yesterday always told their children that the Torah (religion) is the best merchandise. They brought up their children to think of this life as a preparation for eternity. Whilst they blessed their children for material well being, their basic principle was for the eternal verities. The modern mother has made religion as an appendix to life, rather than making it congruous with life itself. She thinks of advancing her children's social prestige. Their contribution to the child is largely an ephemeral one.

King Solomon, when sitting on his throne and spied his mother coming into the Royal Chamber, would rise before her. In the Book of Proverbs we find him blessing his mother for the valuable counsel she gave to him, the wisest of men.

Rabbi Joseph, one of our Sages, upon hearing his mother's footsteps approaching, would declare, "God's presence is coming near." Of how many mothers today can the child truthfully say that his mother represents the presence of God. The Talmud says, "It's woman alone, through whom God's blessings are vouchsafed to a home."

In the Ten Commandments, we read, "Honor thy father and thy mother," and further in the Bible it is said, "Everyone shall fear his mother and his father." It is interesting to note that in one Commandment the father comes first, and in the other, the mother comes first.

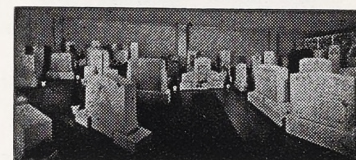
The Rabbis of the Talmud point out that since one is apt to fear the father more than the mother, because he is the stricter of the two, the Torah places the mother first, and says, "Ye shall fear every man his MOTHER and his father." On the other hand, one is apt to honor the mother more than the father, because the father is less popular with his children in view of the fact that he is usually stricter, and then too his love is not as demonstrative as the mother's, therefore the Bible, in regard to honoring the parents, places the father before the mother as we read in Exodus, Chapter 20, Verse 12, "Honor thy FATHER and thy mother."

BAR MITZVAH**Michael Hays Mirken**

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mirken upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael Hays, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning,

Anniversary Greetings:

- 21—Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Schafer
- 23—Mr. and Mrs. David Don
- 25—Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Udell
- 26—Director & Mrs. Joseph Settel

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