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JUNIOR CONGREGATION NOTES

The following children received special gold-plated Junior Congregation pins in acknowledgment of their regular participation in our Junior Congregation: William Ag-hassi, Alan Cohen, Francine Gross, Eva Kertesz, Franklin Koppel, Jack Koppel, Judith Lunzer, Helen Pekier, Aaron Reichel, Miriam Reichel, David Rudnick, Judith Rudnick, Lois Ten Brink, Peggy Ten Brink, David Van Engel, and Joel Wachs.

We hope that all of our parents will encourage their children to attend Junior Congregation during the coming year. The children who attend learn to participate and lead in the Services, which is of inestimable value in their religious development.

"WORLD'S FAIR" LUNCHEON

There is no need to go to Brussels! — Come to the Manhattan Day School's 1958 World's Fair Luncheon on **Tuesday, June 10th at twelve noon at the Hotel Brewster.**

It will be a very interesting, entertaining and stimulating afternoon with many prizes and gifts for all.

Call Mrs. Melvin Newmark — SU 7-7563 for reservations.

\$85,000 NEEDED TO COMPLETE OUR NEW BUILDING

ANNEX SHOULD BE READY FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS

TALMUD TORAH CLOSING EXERCISES WEDNESDAY EVE

On Wednesday, June 11th at 6:45 P.M., our Talmud Torah will conduct its annual closing exercises in our Synagogue. The program of the evening will include a presentation by the pupils of the background of the names of their respective classes. This year our classes were given the names of cities in Israel. Certificates will be awarded to those who have attended our Junior Congregation regularly, and prizes will be distributed to the winners of the Lag B'Omer outing. Honor roll and promotion certificates will be presented to our deserving pupils. We urge all parents to attend this event with their children. The assembly will begin at 6:45 and will close by 8:00.

Regular classes will meet this Sunday morning and daily through Tuesday, June 10th, inclusive.

In stirring appeals on Shavuot preceding the Yizkor service, Rabbi Reichel and President Udell called upon **all** our members and worshippers to do all they can **now** for our Building Fund.

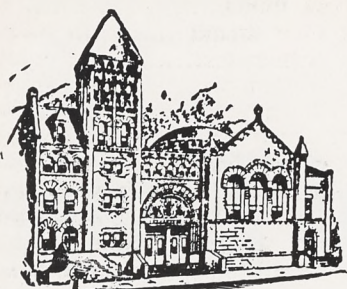
The W.S.I.S. is **our own spiritual home**, wherein not only do we enjoy hours of inspiration, hope, prayer and messages of faith, but also where our children may find guidance and long lasting friendships in a wholesome environment.

If you have already made a contribution, we urge you to search your soul and ask yourselves "Was it enough?" If we haven't heard from you, will you kindly mail your contribution or pledge before the summer.

Your help and encouragement are needed now.

FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR INSERTION OF ADS IN SOUVENIR ALBUM

We have arranged with our printer for an additional opportunity to have your ad or greeting included in our Souvenir Album to be presented to our Man of the Year, Mr. Harry Altman. We will be able to include any ads received up to Monday, June 9. If you have not already called the Synagogue Office, let us hear from you immediately.



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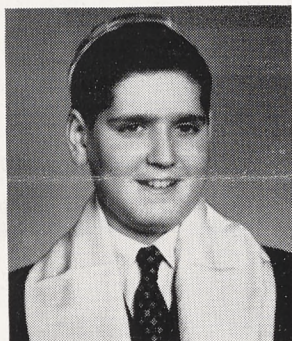
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BAR MITZVAH



Mervin James Lindenbaum

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Henry K. Lindenbaum, the parents, and to Mrs. Helen Lindenbaum and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lindenbaum, the grandparents, upon the Bar-Mitzvah this Saturday morning of their son and grandson, Mervin James. Mervin is a pupil in our Hebrew School, and his mother is President of our P.T.A.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Special Psalm Read In The House Of A Mourner

Psalm 49 (Continued)

"MAN THAT IS IN GLORY, BUT WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, IS LIKE THE BEASTS THAT PERISH"

One who has great wealth but does not understand his responsibilities is like the poor animal.

The story is told of the person who walked to another city to become rich. On the way he found some good looking stones and put them in his bag. After a day he was famished and asked a passer-by to give him some food. The passer-by consented and asked for all but a few of the precious stones that were in the bag. When the man returned to the town, he left his few belongings with his wife and went to the Synagogue to pray. The wife emptied the bag and found the few precious stones and ran to sell them and bought with them some fine dainties. When he came back and beheld the difference in his home, he fainted and when revived he said, "I could have been such a wealthy man." The moral is, these stones had no meaning for him. So too is it true with the average person. He can receive so much wealth of bliss from his religious practices both here and hereafter, which he regards as of little value. He is also like an animal who has great treasures on his back, but does not enjoy them. So many of us have great treasures, but they are like on our back, we do not use them.

Thirteen Principles of The Faith

Doctrines have been evolved from the Torah as bases for our beliefs. Maimonides summed them up in 13 principles, which we shall now discuss. Joseph Albo summed them up in three, the Existence of G-d, Revelation, Reward and Punishment; David in 7, see Psalm 15; Micah in 3; see Micah chapter 6, verse 8; and Habakuk in one, in chapter 2, verse 4, "And the righteous shall live by his faith."

The Rabbis in the Talmud also selected some teachings of the Torah as basic. Hillel chose "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", Leviticus chapter 19, verse 18. Akiba and Ben Azzai debated this question. Akiba chose, "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," while Ben Azzai chose, "This is the book of the generations of MAN", (Genesis chapter 5, verse 1), not black, nor white, nor yellow, nor brown, nor Pagan, nor Hebrew, but MAN. Some of our teachers have held that the 10 commandments are the basis of our faith. However, as doctrines, Maimonides' compilation is the most popular.

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE CREATOR, BLESSED BE HIS NAME, IS BOTH CREATOR, AND RULER OF ALL CREATED BEINGS, AND THAT HE ALONE IS THE ACTIVE CAUSE OF ALL THINGS: WHETHER PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE."

The greatness of G-d's creations is that in all His creatures, there are no two of them that look exactly alike. They are all different.

We have here as First Principle, the belief in the existence of G-d, as Creator, and Ruler of all Creation,—past, present and future.

First of all the notion of the existence of G-d has been expressed by all Mankind and has led not only to Monotheism, but to Polytheism, Pantheism, and Deism as well. It has come to us as Jews in three ways,—1) Through natural religion, 2) through philosophy and 3) through Revealed Religion. You and I experience a buoyant majestic awe, an inspired feeling, as we reach the top of a high majestic mountain and see all nature laying in front of us. We exclaim, in some fashion, "Oh how great is the work of G-d!" The Psalmist put it this way—"The heavens declare the glory of G-d and the firmament tells of the work of His hands." But all these exclamations are the outbursts of occasional personal exhilarated feelings,—which, as a rule, are fine, excellent in themselves, but do not lead us anywhere, but at best in mystic emotion.

Women's League Activities

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These two wonderful, efficient and diligent women handle our money. Bert Isseks, our Treasurer, keeps the books in such a manner, that with a flick of a page in her ledger, she can immediately tell the financial result of any function. Her efficiency cannot be topped. She has also been Chairman of a very successful Chanukah Party and is at present a member of our Building Committee. Anne Soffer, our Financial Secretary, has a quiet manner but is very dynamic when it comes to **dues**. We have had a very successful year with more paid-up membership than ever before. This is due mainly to Anne's personal efforts toward 100% paid-up membership.

My grateful and heartfelt thanks to both of you wonderful women. You have played a very great part in making my year as President such a successful and happy one. May G-d bless you both and your families and may our association and friendship continue for many more years.

Lillian (Mrs. Fred) Goldstein
President

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ARMED FORCES

We would like to send the W.S.I.S. Review to your children who are serving in the Armed Forces. We believe that they would welcome it because they would want to know what is happening back home and at the W.S.I.S.

Kindly send us the following information:

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Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

June	Sivan	
7	19	Esther Haselkorn Reinisch Rose Bearman Bertha Leisten Jeanne R. Mayper Meyer Levine
10	22	Dora Reig Samuel Jehiel Bloom
11	23	Edward Feltman Harry Luxenberg
12	24	Hyman Heller

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Morris Marcus**; to Dr. Gustave Oremland upon the passing of his mother, **Mamie Oremland**; and to the family of our late member, **Lawrence D. Stark**.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

- Light Candles Friday Evening before ..8:05
- Weekly Portion — Baha-alos-chaw
- Numbers 8:1 - 12:16, Zecharia 2:14 - 4:7
- Friday Evening Service6:40
- Those who usher in the Sabbath early should recite the full "Shma" after dark.
- Saturday Morning Service9:00
- Junior Congregation10:30
- Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class7:10
- Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class7:10
- Mincha8:10
- Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg
- The Second Chapter of the Ethics of the Fathers
- The Sabbath Terminates8:59
- Daily Services
- Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45
- Monday & Thursday6:45, 7:45, 8:30
- Tues., Wed., & Fri.6:45, 7:45, 8:15
- Mincha8:10
- Saturday Morning, June 14th8:50

PLEASE NOTE!

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

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Congregational vote of thanks to Mrs. Joseph Friedman for her devoted leadership of a Hebrew class for women which she conducted on Monday afternoons this year.

Our Congregation was vicariously honored by the May 13th issue of "Look" magazine, in which our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bendheim and his family appeared in a number of pictures of religious observance in the home for an article entitled, "The Jews in America" . . . Many thanks to Hyman Ross for the "spiritual" refreshments which he bestowed upon our spiritual minded worshippers at our first morning Minyan service . . . Happy vacationing in California to our Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to our Director, Judge David N. Edelstein and Mrs. Edelstein, the parents, and to Mr. and Mrs. Max Koch and Mrs. Benjamin Edelstein, the grandparents upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson, Jeffrey Marshall; and to Mrs. Elsie Freeman and to Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Michael Alan Neustadter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Neustadter . . . Also our heartiest Mazel tov and best wishes to Cantor and Mrs. Aaron Caplow upon the marriage of their daughter, Rosalind Caplow, to Arnold Sabin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit; to Mr. and Mrs. Ichel Hirth upon the marriage of their daughter, Lalla Pauline, to Dr. Jose Hirschhaut at Caracas, Venezuela; and to our Hebrew School teacher, Miss Charna Grossman upon her forthcoming marriage to Rabbi Avrohom Groner, in Montreal. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz and to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ukeles upon the birth of a son to their children, Rabbi and Mrs. Jason Jacobowitz . . . Welcome home from a visit to Israel to Mrs. Samuel Fasten and to Mrs. Henry Rafsky.

Birthday Greetings:**June**

- 8—Harvey Z. Shapiro
- 9—Julie Sima Pash
- 10—Director Harry Appel
Mrs. Louis Levy
- 11—Pamela Gross
- 12—Mrs. Hyman Druker

Anniversary Greetings:**June**

- 6—Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Blankfort
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- 8—Mr. & Mrs. Mac Goldstein
- 10—Mr. & Mrs. Leo H. Applebaum
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- 11—Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Bercu
- 12—Mr. & Mrs. Justin J. Bayer
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Gertner
Cantor & Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh

**SIYUM CELEBRATION
A MEMORABLE EVENING**

The celebration by Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class of the Siyum of "Mesichta Nedarim" on Wednesday night, May 21st, will remain in the memories of those who attended it for a long time to come. It was in the best tradition of the famous Lithuanian Yeshivas which were unfortunately destroyed by the infamous Nazis. It proved again that the West Side Institutional Synagogue is a true link in the chain of Orthodox Jewry.

From the moment that Rabbi Reichel, the chairman of the celebration, made his opening remarks, to the closing words by Vice-President Samuel W. Siegel, the whole evening was permeated with Torah in the form of Pilpul, Drash, and Halacha. Rabbi Pekier's Hadron was a masterful discourse in two parts consisting of a sharp witted pilpul and a philosophic sermon on Nedarim. His pilpul was so brilliant that some of the listeners gasped at the marvellous exposition of logic. Rabbi Garfiel followed him with a fine dissertation on one of the Agadas in the Mesichta and the lessons to be drawn from it. Mr. Israel Kestenbaum, who spoke next, gave an excellent exposition of the general difference between Mesichta Nedarim and some of the other tractates of the Talmud.

All in all, the evening left a lasting impression on all those who attended it.

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