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FIRST MEN'S CLUB MEETING OF THE SEASON, THIS MONDAY NIGHT

The first meeting of the Men's Club of the season will be held on Monday, October 5th, at 8:30 P.M. in the Gold Room of the Men's Club.

At this meeting, the Men's Club intends to lay the plans for a very active season in behalf of our Synagogue and enjoyable and interesting meetings for the members of the club.

All members are urged to attend and all men of our Synagogue are invited to join our Men's Club.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES



Pay your dues and be our guest at a Membership Luncheon on Monday, November 23rd, in our Synagogue Ballroom.

ALSO

Make your reservations for yourself and your friends for our Annual Donor Luncheon to be held on Monday, December 14th, at the Waldorf Astoria.

REVERENCE AND DECORUM

The religious atmosphere of our Services can be greatly enhanced by good decorum within the Synagogue as well as in its environs. Our deep reverence should be reflected in thoughtful and considerate behavior. Youngsters especially should be impressed with the importance of maintaining our decorum unimpaired by any form of disorder or by loitering in the hall of the Synagogue.

Rosh Hashonah Starts Today At Candle Lighting Time

With the lighting of candles today (Friday) at 6:19 P.M., we usher in the New Year of 5720. The Torah in Leviticus—Chapter 23, Verse 23, sets the tone and gives the essence of these Holy Days by declaring "In the seventh month, in the first day of the month there shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial proclaimed with the blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation". Thus the tone is definitely on the solemnity of the day. It must not be ushered in with drunken orgies and complete frivolousness which is the custom of other New Year celebrations. On the contrary, this is a very sober day, a day spent in prayer, a day in which memories are recalled. There is no forgetfulness here. All this the Torah tells us should be proclaimed by the blowing of the ram's horn.

The Shofar, Keynote of The Holidays

We therefore see that the Shofar or ram's horn is the keynote of the Holiday (YOM TERURH). Its sound reminds the people (YOM HAZIKARON) of the solemnity of the occasion, the Day of Judgment (YOM HADIN).

The Theme — The Shofar Calls To Judgment and Reflection

This same theme of Judgment, Reflection and the Call of the Shofar runs throughout our prayers on Rosh Hashonah. It is most notable in the Musaph Service which is divided into three sections known as Malchiot, Zichronot, and Shofrot, each of which deals with a fundamental doctrine of Judaism. It is in accord with a verse of the Prophet Isaiah "For the L-rd is our Judge, the L-rd is our Lawgiver, the L-rd is our King. He will save us."

Malchiot, Zichronot, Shofrot

The first part — Malchiot, proclaims G-d as King of the Universe

and calls for the day that he will be accepted by all as Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

The second part — Zichronot, stresses the fact that G-d remembers every creature and passes judgment upon them.

The third section — Shofrot, deals with the prayers about Torah and Zion and reminds us that G-d is the great Lawgiver who bestowed the Torah unto our forefathers and ourselves by the sounding of the Shofar and the complete redemption of Zion will also be heralded by the blowing of the Shofar.

Customs And Ceremonies Of Rosh Hashonah

To emphasize the importance of this day of Reflection and Judgment, many ceremonies and customs are observed on Rosh Hashonah such as dipping the HAMOTZI in honey to denote a sweet year, eating a head of fish to lend the dignity of being looked up to as head and not as underling; and eating of carrot dessert to denote prosperity, (mehren)

Tashlich

A very important ceremony, symbolizing the gesture of our resolve to shake ourselves free of our sins, is the custom of Tashlich which usually take place on the first day of Rosh Hashonah. This year, however, due to the fact that the First Day of Rosh Hashonah is on Shabbos, the Tashlich ceremony will be observed on the Second Day (Sunday) after Mincha.

Shehecheyanu On The Second Night

In order to be able to make the Shehecheyanu again on the Second Night, some new fruit that has not been eaten for a long time should be served such as pomegranates or fresh figs.

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Rosh Hashonah Notes

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Ten Days Of Penitence

Rosh Hashonah inaugurates the Ten Days of Penitence (Aseres Yemai T'shuvah) which comes to a climax on Yom Kippur. It is a reminder to us that we can not change G-d's decrees unless we change ourselves. It is therefore a very opportune time for prayer, self-examination, and penance. Special prayers called Selichos are said during these days.

Tzohm Gedaliah

The Day after Rosh Hashonah is called Tzohm Gedaliah or the Fast Day in memory of Gedaliah ben Achikam who was appointed Jewish Governor of Israel by Nebuchadnezzar after he destroyed the First Temple. Gedaliah, however, was assassinated by his opponents and as a result all Jewish hope for self-government ended for a period of seventy years, — the Babylonian Exile.

LET'S BE FAIR

There are some people who for some urgent reason will be away from the Synagogue on the High Holy Days. However they must not forget their obligations to their Synagogue for the seat they occupied throughout the year and their Yom Kippur pledge. The Synagogue can function only if every member and worshipper contributes his share for its maintenance.

We feel, that **all** the absentees will do their full duty.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

"BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON" (Continued)

"**THY REWARD**" God will pay those who destroy Babylon. They have prevented us from spreading "The LIGHT to the nations".

"HAPPY SHALL HE BE"

This barbarity was often perpetrated against Israel (2 kings viii. 12; Hosea x.14), and the Babylonians were guilty of it (cf. Jer. li. 24 with Isa. xiii.16). "Perhaps, if some of their modern critics had been under the yoke from which this Psalmist had been delivered, they would have understood a little better how a good man of that age could rejoice that Babylon was fallen and all its race extirpated (M)."

The people who will avenge the brutalities done to us will become happy for it will be an act of international JUSTICE. Let us not delude ourselves into thinking that whilst justice must be as a rule tempered with mercy, there does come a time when strict justice should be administered not only as a one payment, but also as blessing for humanity. If Amalek were completely destroyed, there would be no Haman, no Hitler, and today no Communists and their Satellites.

Grace After Meals

"**WHO FEEDEST THE WORLD.**" We give thanks for the food we have eaten. This is a universal prayer; for G-d feeds the whole world, human beings, good and bad, and the animals.

"**WITH GRACE,**" to the righteous.

"**WITH LOVINGKINDNESS**" referring to the wicked.

"**AND WITH TENDER MERCY**" this refers to the animals.

"**FOOD HATH NEVER FAILED US**" We thank G-d that up to now, we have not been missing food, and we further pray that

"**IT MAY NEVER FAIL US**" in the future.

"**SINCE THOU NOURISHES**" with food

"**AND SUSTAINEST**" with clothing

"**AND DOEST TO ALL**" with dwellings. We derive this from the blessing, "How good are thy dwellings, O Jacob"; "good," meaning dwellings.

(to be continued)

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Our younger set as well as their parents will surely be happy to learn that our Junior Congregation will be resumed beginning with the High Holy Days at 10:40 A.M. on the second floor.

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.

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A MESSAGE

FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Parents:

It is my pleasure to welcome the members of our PTA as well as the new parents for the coming year.

In the past, we, as parents, have been able to be of great help with the extra-curricular program of our Hebrew School. We hope that this year we will continue to do our share.

May I ask you, at this time, to help us make our school even bigger than it has been, by suggesting the names of children in our neighborhood over the age of 4 who should be attending our Sunday morning Kindergarten, or our Hebrew School and High School.

A note with your suggestions to the Principal or to me will be appreciated.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Samuel Gursky

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

Applications for membership in our new youth groups (ages 12-19) can be made to Jerry Wohlberg, our Youth Director, on Sunday (2:00-4:30 and 7:00-10:00 P.M.) or Wednesday (7:00-10:00 P.M.) Come down and bring a friend.

Attention! All amateur stamp collectors and photographers. All those interested in joining these groups which are now being formed, please contact our Social Activities office. Notice as to our first meetings will be given in a future issue of the Bulletin.

The Young Adult League's programming committee is operating in full swing. Big news as to their first large function in the near future. All women age 20-30, and men age 22-36, who are interested in joining this dynamic and active group, please contact our office for further information.

Remember! Our game room is open for teen-agers every Sunday afternoon and evening, and Wednesday evenings.

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Light Candles Friday Evening Before 6:19

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Hashonah

Morning Service7:45
Junior Congregation10:40
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class4:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class4:15
Reading of Psalms4:45
Mincha5:15
Evening Service6:30
Light Candles After7:10

Sunday, Tishri II — Second Day Rosh

Hashonah

Morning Service7:30
Junior Congregation10:40
Mincha4:30
followed by Tashlich and Reading of Psalms
Holiday Terminates7:10

DAILY SERVICES

Selichos Monday
Fast of Geladiah6:10, 8:00
Monday Morning Services 6:40, 7:10, 8:30
Monday Mincha6:30
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings
Selichos6:20, 8:00
Morning Services6:45, 7:15, 8:25
Mincha6:30

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To each and all of our members and friends everywhere, our best wishes for a real happy and spiritually rewarding New Year . . . Our Associate Rabbi O. Asher Reichel participated in the ceremonies of the Inter-faith celebration in the Mall of Central Park . . . We welcome back from overseas Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ehrman; from the West Indies, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Redlich . . . Bon Voyage to Serge Ochsenberg on his trip to Israel to study in a Kibbutz . . . Our Congregational citation of merit to Seymour Ukeles, son of our members Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ukeles upon his being awarded a New York State Science Scholarship . . . The Jewish community of Liberty, New York will be that much more enriched in its spiritual life by Rabbi and Mrs. Jason Jacobowitz who have recently become its Rabbi and Rebitzen . . . Our prospective membership continues to grow: Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein on the birth of a grandson to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin M. Greenstein; to our Director and Mrs. Joseph L. Rosenberg upon the birth of Douglas Samuel to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barasch; to our members Mr. and Mrs. Louis Markowitz the grandparents, upon the birth of Mary Sue, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jeanne Savetz, and to Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Schupf, the grandparents, and to Mr. Nathan Schupf, the great-grandfather, upon the birth of Elisabeth Ann to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Axel Schupf . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis will be Mr. Jacob Goldberg . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mr. Robert List and Mr. Isidore Sterkin.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Yom Kippur, Monday, October 12, 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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