

VISIT OUR SYNAGOGUE SUCCAH AND
CARRY OUT THE COMMANDMENT OF
SITTING IN THE SUCCAH

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MEN'S CLUB TO HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING IN THE SUCCAH THIS MONDAY NIGHT

A regular meeting of the Men's Club will take place this coming Monday, October 19, at 8:30 P.M. in our Synagogue Succah. It is very important that all members attend. Refreshments will be served and this will give our members an additional opportunity to spend some time in the Succah and eat there. Let's all come and make it a real Chol Hamoed Succos celebration.

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. Price per meal is \$4.25.

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

The entire Congregational Family
is cordially invited to
the home of
**RABBI and MRS.
HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN**
for their annual Shemini Atzeres
"At Home"

Shemini Atzeres, Saturday, Oct. 24
229 West 78th St. from 3:00 to
Apt. 31 5 o'clock

Yom Kippur Appeal For Regular Maintenance And New Building Fund Costs Meets Encouraging Response

At our Synagogue's Yom Kippur services, last Sunday and Monday the traditional appeals were made by our officers and Rabbis for regular maintenance funds and funds to cover our new building costs.

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.

Today, (Friday) at candle lighting time, at 5:55 we usher in the Holiday of Succos. Although this is a time for Happiness (Zman Simchusenu) we do not forget that the Judgment period is as yet not entirely over. Symbolically speaking, the decree for the coming year is written on Rosh Hashona, sealed on Yom Kippur, and handed down on the seventh day of Succos called Hoshana Rabba. In other words, those of us who feel that our repentance has not been complete, (and who does not), can still seek final pardon before the final decree is delivered. We do this by the observance of our temporary sojourn in the Succah which the Torah says is a reminder of the fact that the Israelites dwelt in Booths when the L-rd delivered them from Egypt.

The Succah, A Plea For Final Pardon

Moses used this potent argument to avert the wrath of G-d when the

Succoth Starts This Evening



Hebrews sinned the great sin of the golden calf with these words: "O L-rd G-d destroy not thy people . . . which thou has brought forth out of Egypt . . . Lest the Egyptians say, because the L-rd was not able to bring them into the land which He promised them . . . He hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness." (Deuteronomy IX 26, 28) So, for all generations, we seek compassion from G-d, by reminding Him that we were brought out of Egypt by Him and were the only ones who accepted the Torah.

The Succah, A Test Of Character

In addition, we are again proving to the L-rd, as we do on Yom Kippur, of our strength of character, by showing Him, that in our happiest season we are willing to leave our warm comfortable home and dwell in the frail Succah which is open to any bitter wind or storm. We are thus returning, symbolically speaking, to the everlasting Faith of our Forefathers, no matter at what cost, in our comfort and convenience.



The Four Species

The theme of strength of character runs through also the Commandment of the "Four Species" which we are to use on the Holiday of Succos. For, although we are commanded to use four species: Esrog, Lulav, Myrtle and Willow, the blessing we make is "Al Netilas Lulav", "the taking of the Lulav." It seems to us that this is so, because the Lulav contains a

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FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

If you start your children with the proper spiritual and moral influences they will be heading in the right direction all their lives. Is not this reason enough to begin the religious education of your youngster at a very early age? After all children look at television and are able to understand so much of life, even when they are already of kindergarten age.

We urge you, therefore, to seriously consider the early enrollment of your kindergarten age children (4-5½) in our Sunday morning Kindergarten which will open November 1st.

Likewise, there are still openings in our first grade 2-day-a-week (Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon) beginners group where learning and play are harmoniously blended to make their introduction to Jewish life an enjoyable one.

We also have Hebrew School classes for all age levels. Now is the time to contact our Hebrew School office — TR 7-8281, or 8285. O.A.R.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

There will be regular classes in our Hebrew School during Chol Hamoed. Our pupils are urged to bring their friends to join them on these days to participate in the mitzvah of lulav and esrog, and to partake of the refreshments which will be served them in the Succah.

**Young Adult League
Opening Meeting
Sun. Night, Oct. 25th**

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Grace After Meals

(Continued)

"OF NO MANNER OF GOOD LET US BE IN WANT" Some add the word לעולם for "the world to come". In other words, let us not be in want "in the world to come". We pray that the good we enjoy in this world should not cause any diminution of our reward in the world to come.

"A GREAT SALVATION" This is said on week-days when the coming of the Messiah is regarded as gradual.

"A TOWER OF SALVATION" as represented by the Sabbath, which is a foretaste of the Messianic era. This is lacking in the week-day.

"GREAT SALVATION" The first מגדל is found in Psalm 18, Verse 51, and the second מגדול is found in the Second Book of Samuel, Chapter 22, verse 51. The one in the Book of Samuel is read on the Sabbath because it is part of the Prophetic Books, the 2nd part of the Bible, and has a holier standing than the "Ksuvim", in the "Holy Writings," the third part of the Bible, which is least in inspiration. Therefore, the reference from the Psalms is read daily.

"PEACE" Why the prayer for Peace? Because we have just prayed for everything, even if all are granted to us they are not a source of joy, without peace of contentment. "Better", said King Solomon, "A piece of dry bread together with contentment than with strife". (See Book of Proverbs,) and as we read in Chapter 15, Verse 16 of the Book of Proverbs. "Better a little with the fear of G-d, than a great treasure, and trouble therewith."

"THE WICKED LACK" The wicked even if they have possessions, always feel they miss something, but

"THEY THAT SEEK IN THE LORD SHALL NOT WANT" They do not feel something is missing. Abraham felt he had בכל "of everything". Isaac felt he had "from everything" מכל, and Jacob said, "I have כל everything".

Succos Notes

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"Shidrah", a backbone or spine. In fact, a Lulav is unfit for use if for any reason this "Shidrah" or backbone has been impaired. In other words, the Lulav is a symbol for stamina or strength of character. The Torah foretold the fact, that to be a faithful Jew will not be easy. Only those with courage and moral stamina will be able to survive as loyal Jews.

Succos A Holiday Of Thanksgiving For A Bountiful Harvest

The Holiday Succos in addition to being mentioned as a Feast of Joy, is also "Chag Haasif", "a Holiday of harvest." It is a time when we give thanks to the L-rd for the bountiful harvest that we have been privileged to enjoy. We therefore decorate our Succah with fruits and vegetables, symbolic of the Harvest Season. We say Hallel every day of the Holiday giving praise and thanks to G-d for our prosperity.

In our thoughts concerning Succos, we must not overlook the fact that in the Days of the Temple, Succos was one of the "Shoresh Regalim", one of the three Holidays in which most Jews made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to be able to attend the Temple Service, and to give thanks to G-d for His great bounty to us.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. William D. Weiss upon the passing of her mother **Rae Schlessel**.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

On Monday evening, October 26, our gym program for the year will begin. Every Monday evening, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. all teenage boys are invited to join and come down to our teenage athletic program under the leadership of Mr. Ira Tumpowsky. All teenagers interested must contact Mr. Jerry Wohlberg, our Youth Director, to secure a membership card for admission.

Women's League Activities

RABBI GOLDSTEIN TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT SUCCOTH LUNCHEON MEETING

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an **Open Meeting** of the Women's League on **Monday, October 19th at 12:30 P.M.** in the **Women's League Clubroom** in our Synagogue. We invite each of you to enjoy a dessert luncheon with us, a visit to our Succah, an interesting meeting and a very enjoyable program. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will be our guest speaker. He will give us some very informative and interesting highlights on "The Succoth Holiday". Mrs. Isidore Brafman, one of our new Board Members, will introduce Rabbi Goldstein.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON!!!

Goal is to enroll as a member every woman who worshiped with us for the High Holy Days

Chairman and Co-Chairman of Membership



Mrs. Edward Jacobs



Mrs. Harry Ward

Many new families have moved into our neighborhood. They may be your next door neighbors. Invite them to our Synagogue and Women's League. Our **Membership Luncheon** will take place on Monday, November 23rd at 12 noon in our Synagogue Ballroom. All new members and all paid up old members are invited to be our guests at this Luncheon.

Mrs. Edward Jacobs and **Mrs. Harry Ward** are already at work to make this event an outstanding affair with a delicious lunch and a very enjoyable afternoon. Your chairmen ask all members to cooperate with them by bringing in new members, acting as a hostesses, and donating prizes.

OUR MEN'S CLUB DOES IT AGAIN

A wonderful team under the joint chairmanship of Alexander Kirsh, Bennett Carter, and Dr. Frank Fink with the unstinting cooperation of the Men's Club president, Leon Herman, did a superb job in conducting the auxiliary services for the High Holy Days in the Manhattan Towers Hotel.

Mr. Alexander Kirsh, chairman in charge of ticket sales, deserves special recognition for his devotion to his task and personal interest in the work in spite of all hardships.

Mr. Leon Herman has to be given credit for leading the ritual proceedings in a very dignified and impressive manner and likewise Mr. Bennett Carter, Dr. Frank E. Fink and Mr. H. William Hirsch for their arrangements of the honors.

Special mention must be made of the valuable work done by Mr. Fred Heiser for his ushering duties and aid in selling of seats.

Others on this committee who helped in one way or another are: Jacob Goldberg, Henry Kaufman, Phil Nager, Max Selsky and Frank Taks.

Mr. Irving Silver, a member of the Men's Club, officiated as Cantor.

LET'S BE FAIR

There are some people who for some urgent reason were 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 have done or will do their full duty.

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SUCCOS PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening before ...5:55

Friday Evening Service6:05

Saturday — 1st Day of Succos

Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class4:30

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class4:30

Mincha5:30

Light Candles after6:46

The Sabbath Terminates6:46

Sunday — 2nd day of Succos

Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class5:05

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class5:05

Mincha6:05

The Festival Terminates6:45

Daily Services (Chol Hamoed)

Monday through Thursday

Mornings6:30, 7:15, 8:00

Mincha6:05

Thursday Night —

Tikun Hoshana Rabba9:30

Friday Morning Hoshana

Rabbah6:15, 7:15

JR. CONGREGATION NOTES

All the children in our Congregation are invited to join our Junior Congregation during the Succoth holidays and every Saturday morning at 10:40 o'clock. This important activity is under the direction of Mr. Samuel Ward.

Delicious refreshments are served at the close of the services.

GETTING PERSONAL

We are happy to spread out our welcome mat to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum from their recent trip abroad. That the sun never sets upon the Kestenbaum empire is further attested by the birth of a son, Jonathan, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kestenbaum in Japan. And in our synagogue on the second day of Rosh Hashonah, Mr. Israel Kestenbaum sounded the Shofar in his usual inimitable manner. So for more than one reason it was fortunate for him and for us that he had his appendix removed in London before departing for our shores . . . Happy to have back with us Director Jonas Leister from Bethelhem, N.H. . . . Our prayer for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Isidore Sterkin . . . All our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Smith in their new home and to Dr. Jacob M. Golden in his new office . . . The host at our Seudah Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Paul Garfunkel . . . Did you take heart "Let's be fair" on page 3. The Synagogue must have friends for the whole year.

Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Oct.	Tishri	
17	15	Isaac Finesilver Becky Stern Morton L. Landowne Clara Goldman
18	16	Max Bilgry
19	17	Sarah Ida Leah Fine Ida Fannie Gell Dora Katz
20	18	Morris Bearman
22	20	Irving Epstein Samuel Soupp Esther Ida Ginsberg
23	21	Rae Michaels

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Shemini Atzeres, Saturday, October 24, 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

I hereby request you to offer the Memorial Prayer
for my

whose Hebrew name is

and I hereby donate \$.....

Name

Address

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE SUCCOTH SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER THIS SUNDAY NIGHT



Mrs. Henry Moed, President

The Mr. and Mrs. League of the WSIS will have one of the friendliest functions of the year — an informal get-together of old and new friends — Sunday night, October 18th at 8:15 o'clock.

Meet the new officers and see them installed. President: Mrs. Henry Moed; Honorary Presidents: Mrs. Maurice Goodgold, Mrs. Daniel Gribetz, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel; Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Bernard Bisgeier, Mrs. Samuel Gursky, Mrs. Alfred Schwartz; Treasurer: Mrs. Eugene Ten Brink; Corresponding Secretaries: Mrs. Monroe Gaines, Mrs. Herbert Rudnick; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Fred Heiser; and Social Secretary: Mrs. Arthur Stein.

In addition a delightful short film of Israel's 10th Anniversary parade will be shown.

Refreshments will be served — all for free.

Mrs. Bernard Bisgeier,
Mrs. Monroe Gaines,
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Chairmen

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- 18—Charles D. Wellner
Cantor Zalmon Yavneh
- 20—Jane Leslie Greenfield
Mrs. Louis Wexler
- 21—Vivian Fay Korngold
Mrs. A. Rossett
Joyce Shulster
- 22—Mrs. Harold Kaplan
Mrs. Joshua Levine
Michael Henry Sahn

Anniversary Greetings

- 16—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kirsh
Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon Kalker
- 18—Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gross
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