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## An Open Letter to our Congregational Family

We very often speak of our congregational "family." We like to think that the W.S.I.S. is like one large family in which we can share our joys and our sad moments as well.

A family is also those to whom we turn in times of need. For the W.S.I.S., this is one of those times. We must turn to each and every member of our congregational "family" for help in connection with our forthcoming annual Dinner which is to take place on Saturday evening, April 23, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Pierre.

The Dinner will honor our Man of the Year, our beloved President Lester Udell. For this reason alone, attendance at the Dinner is an obligation of 100% of our Synagogue's membership and friends. Mr. Udell has given of himself unstintingly for many, many years working for the welfare of our institution and many other Jewish causes as well.

But there is another reason why participation in the Dinner is a personal obligation of every person who reads this letter. Our Synagogue depends on the support it will receive at this dinner for the

continuation of its work and to complete payments on the building project it has undertaken. We want everyone who benefits from any of our activities to help — in some way — to support them.

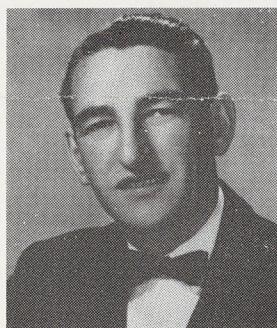
Your Committee feels very strongly about the desirability of 100% participation in this Dinner. For that reason we have done two things. We have set the price of the Dinner for the younger members of the Synagogue at \$35 per person rather than the normal \$75 per person. In addition, we have provided that admission to the Dinner may be had not only through the payment of the amount of a ticket but by the submission of an equivalent amount of ads for our Souvenir Album as well.

The purpose of all these arrangements is to accomplish our goal of 100% participation. The Committee has done all that it can. The rest is up to you. I hope we shall hear from you during this final week for Dinner reservations.

ISAIAH O. ZUCKER,  
Dinner Chairman

## Membership Meeting Elects Four Men To Serve on WSIS Board of Directors

ADDITIONAL ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALSO MADE



Max Denberg



Leon Herman



Henry L. Kraushar



Martin Romerovski

We are happy to report the results of the elections held at our annual membership meeting held on Wednesday evening, April 6 in our Synagogue.

Four of our active members were added to the Board of Directors. They are Messrs. Max Denberg, Leon Herman, Henry L. Kraushar, and Martin Romerovski. We are sure that our Synagogue will benefit from the addition of these active

members to the governing body of the congregation. We can only wish them and their fellow Directors who were re-elected with them the best of continued success in their fine work in our institution.

At the same meeting, four additions were made to our Synagogue's Board of Trustees. This is a special group charged by law and the constitution of the WSIS to supervise various activities of the Congrega-

tion. Elected to serve for a three-year term on the Board of Trustees were Messrs. A. M. Davis, A. M. Druckman, and Jess Ward; elected for a two-year term was Mr. Isaiah O. Zucker; and for a one-year term, Mr. Harry Altman. The others already serving on this Board and whose terms have not expired are Messrs. Herman H. Cohen, Jacob Kaplan, Samuel W. Siegel, and Lester Udell.



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**The Young Adult League**

Men 25-36; Women 20-30

Wish to announce that their

**NEXT OPEN MEETING  
AND SOCIAL EVENING**

will take place on

**SUNDAY NIGHT, APRIL 24th**

**YOUR CHILD'S SABBATH**

The Sabbath is one of the most precious gifts bestowed upon Israel by G-d, for it is not only a holy day, but a day of bliss and pleasure as well. The spirit of the Sabbath is well expressed in the Oneg Shabbat, which takes place at our Synagogue every Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Children find it very enjoyable. Not only are they given refreshments but they also sing Hebrew songs, hear interesting stories taken from our rich history, and participate in informative discussions. By being provided with spiritual and physical nourishment, they live the Sabbath atmosphere. Attending the Oneg Shabbat is a worthwhile experience for all children, for it teaches them an appreciation of Sabbath and leaves a lasting impression. If you want your child to look forward to the pleasure of the Sabbath send your child to our Oneg Shabbat and to our Junior Congregation.

**THE PRAYER BOOK**

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

**Selichos Service**

**"PESHAH," "TRANSGRESSION."** This refers to a sin one commits spitefully. Nevertheless, if he repents he does not receive a very heavy punishment.

**"CHAH-TAW-AW," "SIN."** This refers to a sin committed unwittingly. For this, one is entirely forgiven.

We have just mentioned separately the three types of sin. They may all be forgiven in different ways.

1. **"DEEDS."** If one works and asks for his wages, the employer must pay him.

2. **"NOT WITH LOVING KINDNESS."** One asks for a donation to an institution. The other does not want to give, but finally is persuaded to give. He does not have to give but does it out of a sense of communal responsibility.

During the Selichos we say to G-d, that we do not come to Him as representing either category 1 or 2, but we come, as we read,

**"AS THE POOR AND THE NEEDY."** The poor and the needy cannot come with any legal claim or with any demand. They merely come to petition or to beg.

**"DAHL," "POOR."** A poor man is one that has not lost all that he has.

**"ROSH," "NEEDY."** The needy refers to the one who has lost all.

Merely to say the Selichos does not atone. To realize our weak position, as one who is "poor" or "needy" before the L-rd, and to seek forgiveness through repentance and amendment, is the proper approach to Selichos and Rosh Hashana.

When one owes money and is not concerned about the debt as it becomes due, it is an indication of his weak moral fibre and honesty. So too is it with us, who are in great debt to G-d, as the year comes to an end. If we come to the New Year unconcerned about our religious, spiritual, and ethical relationship towards G-d and man, it is a sad situation and a terrible reflection upon the individual.

Selichos is a preparation for the New Year, the Day of Judgement, when we expect to meet with G-d, our Benefactor. If and when we are told that a benefactor is coming to visit an institution, we will make certain the institution will be clean, put into proper fashion, and in running order. So too, our Sages point out, that before G-d will pay us a visit on Rosh Hashana, we should clean up, remove our shortcomings, take on a New Look, and be able to meet with Him for the coming year, hoping and praying that He will contribute to us a year, brimful with Health, Spiritual Vision, Peace of Mind, Contentment, and Happiness.

**"AND I SHALL REMEMBER MY COVENANT WITH JACOB, AND ALSO MY COVENANT WITH ISAAC, AND ALSO MY COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM, AND I WILL ALSO REMEMBER THE LAND"** (Lev. 26:42). This has a twofold meaning. (1) Our illustrious forbears and the Holy Land testify against us. This is one comment. (2) The other comment is that I will redeem you because of the merit of your illustrious forbears and of the Holy Land.

**W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**

Light Candles Friday Evening Before ..6:22
Scriptural Reading: Song of Songs
Weekly Portion: Exodus 33:12-34
Numbers 28:19-25; Ezekiel 36:37-37:17
Friday Evening Service .....6:15
Saturday Morning Service .....8:30
Junior Congregation .....10:40
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls from
7 to 11 years) .....3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....4:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class .....4:45
Mincha .....5:45
Reader of Torah: Stephen Texon
Reader of Service: Seymour Ukeles
The Sabbath Terminates .....7:13
Sunday Chol Hamoed 6:30, 7:30 and 8:15
Sunday Mincha .....6:20
Sunday light candles up to .....6:24

**MONDAY**

Monday morning (7th Day Passover) 8:45
Junior Congregation .....10:40
Monday Mincha .....6:15
Kindle Festival Lights

**TUESDAY**

Tuesday Morning .....8:40
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**Yizkor Service**

Junior Congregation .....10:40
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....5:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class .....5:15
Mincha .....6:15
Festival Terminates .....7:16

**DAILY SERVICES**

Wednesday and Friday
Morning .....6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Thursday Morning .....6:45, 7:45, 8:20
Mincha .....6:30

## PASSOVER HOLIDAY ENDS THIS TUESDAY

Tomorrow marks the Intermediate Sabbath of the Passover holiday. The holiday will continue until Tuesday evening.

### Chol HaMoed

The intervening days of the holiday are known as Chol HaMoed, the weekdays of the Festival. At that time, urgent labor and business is permitted if a loss may be involved. On each of the days, a special Torah reading is read at morning services in the Synagogue. These readings deal with some aspect of Passover.

In addition, an additional service and the Hallel are recited. During the last six days, however, only the Half-Hallel is recited during services. The Midrash gives a beautiful homiletic reason for this curtailment of the full Hallel. G-d, the legend tells us, presided over the Heavenly Court during the destruction of the Egyptians at the Red Sea. At that moment, the angels sought to sing His praises over the miracle. The L-rd silenced them, saying "My creatures are perishing in the sea and you would sing praises??!!" So, too, do we refrain from lengthy praise as a mark of our sorrow over the loss of G-d's creatures, even though they be our enemies.

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### Song of Songs

On the Intermediate Sabbath, we read the Song of Songs after the

morning service. This beautiful series of songs by King Solomon provides a poetic illustration of the love of G-d for His people, Israel. This relationship is often compared to young love by the prophets and Rabbis.

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### Counting of Omer

On the second night of the festival, we begin the counting of the Omer—the period between the Passover holiday and the Shavuot holiday, the Feast of Weeks. Many reasons have been offered for this counting of the forty-nine days between the two festivals. One such reason is that we wish thereby to demonstrate our understanding that the physical liberation commemorated by Passover is entirely integrated with and dependent on the spiritual liberation of Shavuot. Only with the giving of the Law at Sinai were the people who had left Egypt truly free.

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### Chametz After Passover

Any chametz or chametz product in the possession of a Jew during Passover is considered "chametz she-avar alav ha-Pesach" — prohibited products preserved during

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Passover. We are not permitted to derive any benefit from such products nor may they be eaten. In order to avoid this, at the conclusion of Passover, one should not use any baked products made by Jews until a sufficient period has passed in which we are certain that the products have been freshly baked since the conclusion of Passover.

## Synagogue UJA Dinner on May 12 To Honor Director Philip Frankel

Guest of Honor



Philip Frankel

We are happy to announce the name of the Guest of Honor for our Synagogue's annual United Jewish Appeal dinner which is to take place on Wednesday evening, May 12. Mr. Philip Frankel will be the Guest of Honor at that time.

Any of our readers who know Mr. Frankel will want to be with us at that time to do him honor. All of our readers must know of the crucial work being done by the United Jewish Appeal all over the world. This is work which not only needs but demands the support of each and every Jew.

It is imperative that we give as much support as possible to the work of the UJA. We, at the WSIS, do so by our participation in our Annual UJA Dinner. We hope that all the men and women of our congregation will be with us on May 12 in our Synagogue's Grand Ballroom.

JACOB KAPLAN,  
 UJA Campaign Chairman

### GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

In this column we go all out this festival week in extending a hearty welcome to the following new members and to their families who are making the W.S.I.S. their spiritual home: Mr. Morris Goldberg, Mr. Paul Milstein, Mr. Nathan Schwartz and Mr. Martin I. Weiss. Beruchim Haboim!

#### MAZEL TOV

To our Vice President and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and to Mr. Solomon Rotto, upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. M. Daniel Rotto.

### Condolences

To our member Dr. Mortimer Greer upon the passing of his sister Mrs. Pauline Levine, a former president of our Women's League.  
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#### Birthday Greetings

##### April

- 15—Director George L. Livingston  
Mrs. Sidney Stein
- 17—Helen Brooks  
Mrs. Philip Gertner  
Daniel Gribetz  
Charles Hecht
- 18—Mrs. Sadie Feuerlicht  
Lisa Anne Liebergall  
Benjamin Shapiro
- 19—Saul J. Beck  
Lenore E. Druckman  
Mrs. Max E. Sanders
- 20—Jeanne Ellen Finkelstein  
Marcia Goldberg  
Isidor Wellner
- 21—Steven Joseph Charney  
Stephen Howard Shlansky

#### Anniversary Greetings

- 16—Mr. & Mrs. Max Dabek  
Director & Mrs. Jess Ward
- 17—Mr. & Mrs. Harold N. Reich  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ukeles
- 19—Mr. & Mrs. Fred Vorcheimer

#### The Closing

### FATHER-SON-DAUGHTER SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

of the season will be held on

**SUNDAY, MAY 1st**

Sponsored by our Men's Club  
H. WILLIAM HIRSCH, Chairman  
An unusual program has been planned

Watch for further details.

#### PLEASE NOTE

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

### HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Regular classes will be resumed in our Hebrew School at the usual time beginning with Wednesday, April 20th.

Since the term is growing to a close very rapidly, we must emphasize again the importance of regular attendance.

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION NOTES

We do hope that during the Passover season we will continue to see extra effort on the part of our parents to attend our Sabbath and Festival services.

The Junior Congregation will meet on Saturday morning as well as on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10:40 o'clock.

Passover refreshments will be served to our children.

### POST BAR MITZVAH CLUB NEWS

We are delighted to advise our Hebrew School alumni that a special Post Bar Mitzvah study hour is being organized.

Sessions will be held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 o'clock.

The first meeting will take place on Sunday, April 24th. We hope to see a fine turnout at our first session.

### CONCERNING SUMMER CAMP

I cannot urge our parents too strongly to send our children to a summer camp where Judaism, the Sabbath and kashrus are being observed. A summer camp leaves a lasting impression upon the child. An abiding love and respect for Judaism should be included in that youthful impression. I shall be glad to recommend camps which have very high standards. All who are interested are urged to contact me at once.

Sincerely yours,  
RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL

### YIZKOR SERVICES

On the last day of Passover, Tuesday, April 19, Yizkor Memorial Services will be recited in our Synagogue. The following form may be filled out and delivered to the Synagogue office by Sunday noon for those special memorial prayers.

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