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THE FESTIVAL OF SHEVUOS

Significance of Shevuos

Tuesday evening we usher in one of the "Sholesh Regalim," the Festival of Shevuos, the Feast of Weeks. This Holiday is a 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 occasion 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 and other sacred writings. Our readers are cordially invited to join us in the Synagogue beginning at 10:30 on Tuesday night for this all night vigil. The morning service for those who are awake the whole night is held at daybreak.

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 Commandments and chant the Akdamos, a beautiful poem in Aramaic, lauding the greatness of the Lord 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.

TO OUR READERS
PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS
ISSUE OF THE REVIEW CON-
TAINS THE PRAYER SCHEDULES
FOR THE COMING TWO WEEKS.
INASMUCH AS THE FESTIVAL
OF SHEVUOS AND MEMORIAL
DAY WILL FALL DURING THE
COMING WEEK, THE REVIEW
WILL NOT APPEAR NEXT FRIDAY
JUNE 3. THE FINAL ISSUE OF
THE SEASON WILL APPEAR ON
JUNE 10th.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS SABBATH



Dr. Frank E. Fink, Commander
Buddy Friedman Post, J.W.V.

The Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans, which meets in our Synagogue, cordially invites its members and all veterans of our community to attend services this Saturday morning in honor of Memorial Day.

Dr. Fink will bring greetings to our Congregation on this occasion.

Mr. Robert Hofbauer, Senior Vice-Commander of our Post will serve as Contor on Friday night and Pesukei Dezimra (the first part of the service.)

LAST CALL FOR GRADUATION NEWS

In the final issue of the **Review** we would like to congratulate all the graduates in our Congregational Family. Kindly notify the office of all pertinent details by May 31st.



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 RABBI O. A. REICHEL.....Associate Editor

**CONGRATULATIONS,
 RABBI REICHEL**

Our Associate Rabbi O. Asher Reichel will receive the Degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University this June.

Rabbi Reichel's doctoral dissertation, "The Life and Letters of Isaac Halevy (1847-1914)", is an important contribution to the history of Orthodox Judaism. This is the first major biography of Rabbi Isaac Halevy, author of the scholarly history of the Jews, "Dorot Horishonim." Halevy's roles as Jewish historian, architect of the Agudath Israel movement, and founder of the Judisch-Literarische Gesellschaft in Frankfurt, Germany, are described in this work. Rabbi Halevy's dynamic life story, when published, will be of interest to Jewish readers throughout the world.

Rabbi Reichel has B.A. and M.H.L. degrees from Yeshiva University and an M.A. degree in Education from New York University. His early Jewish education was obtained at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath and he received his Semicha (ordination) from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, and 2nd Vice President of the Men's Club, **Isidor Lauer**, and to Mr. Arthur Zimmerman upon the passing of his mother, **Lillian Zimmerman**.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

HALLEL (Cont'd)

"THE LORD IS FOR ME AS MY HELPER" Some translate בעזרי in regard to my friends," and read as follows "O Lord, YOU take care of my friends and I will take care of my enemies.

Some give this comment, G-d is really my Friend, or my Helper, but is regarded some times as inimical to me. The Midrash tells the story of one who ran to make his ship on time, but struck a nail, which penetrated his foot; he was delayed, and the steamer left without him. Thereupon he exclaimed angrily "my luck". A few days later, came the report that the steamer had sunk. Then he said "I give thanks unto Thee that Thou hadst afflicted me.

"IT IS BETTER TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE LORD, THAN TO TRUST IN MAN . . . IN PRINCES". We have faith that G-d will do for us, more than man can promise and not only from the average man, but even from princes.

"ENCOMPASSED ME" but did not touch me.

"SURROUNDED ME" Came very close to me.

"IN THE NAME OF THE LORD I SURELY CUT THEM DOWN"

My enemies wanted to make me lose, both this and the next world, by constantly harrassing me, so as to lose hope, and by not giving me time to learn. But I stuck to "The name of the Lord, and I prevailed over them," said King David.

"THE CORNER STONE" David's brothers, as well as others, looked upon him, as the little fellow, and disregarded him. However, this the youngest, smallest in stature, became "the cornerstone", the King of Israel.

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*Light Candles Friday Eve Before 7:59
 Weekly Portion: Bamidbar
 Numbers I:1-IV:20, Hosea II:1-22
 Friday evening Service6:40
 Omer at night — 46

Saturday Morning Service8:50
 Junior Congregation10:40
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class6:35
 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class6:35
 Mincha7:35
 Reader of Torah: Albert Schmeidler
 Reader of Service: Mervyn Frankel
 Sayings of the Fathers — Perek VI
 The Sabbath Terminates8:53

Sunday and Monday (Memorial Day)
 Mornings7:15, 8:15, 8:45
 Sunday and Monday Mincha8:10
 Tuesday Shachris
 (Erev Shevuos)6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Light Festival Candles8:02
 Evening Service8:00
 Tikun Shevuos10:30

Wednesday, Shevuos I

Morning Service9:00
 Junior Congregation10:40
 Mincha7:15
 Light Festival Candles

Thursday Shevuos II

Morning Service8:40
 Yizkor
 Junior Congregation10:40
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class7:10
 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class7:10
 Mincha8:10
 Holiday terminates8:56

Friday Morning, June 3rd

Morning Services6:45, 7:45, 8:15
 *Light Sabbath Candles before8:03
 Mincha6:40

Saturday, June 4th

Morning Service8:50
 Weekly Portion: Naso
 Numbers IV:21-VII:89,
 Judges XIII:2-25
 Junior Congregation10:40
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class6:50
 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class6:50
 Mincha7:50
 Reader of Torah: Stanley Klein
 Reader of Service: Seymour Ukeles
 Sayings of the Fathers — Perek I
 Sabbath terminates8:57

Daily Services (Week of June 5th)

Sunday morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45
 Monday and Thursday
 morning6:45, 7:45, 8:30
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
 morning6:45, 7:45, 8:15
 Mincha8:10

*Those who usher in the Sabbath at an early hour should recite the "Shma" after dark.

All the family are invited to our Youth Sabbath, June 11th, in honor our graduates.

YOUTH NOTES

The 6th Annual Teenage Torah Leadership Seminar sponsored by the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University will take place from August 25th to September 5th, at Camp Monroe, Monroe, New York.

Young people from all parts of the country will participate in an exciting 8 day experience in traditional Jewish living including leadership skills, Jewish studies, social and recreational activities.

The seminar program is planned for several educational levels to suit the varied backgrounds of the participants.

For further information you may contact Rabbi Reichel or call LO 8-8400.

TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Johanan S. Levine

Heartiest congratulations to our members, Dr. and Mrs. Jules Levine upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Johanan Sidney, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

Mazel Tov also to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Krupnick. Johanan, a student at Ramaz, will read the entire Sedra.

Men's Club Notes

Tickets for the Ball game on Sunday, June 12th, at the Yankee Stadium are still available. The next meeting of the Men's Club will take place Monday evening, June 6th at 8:30 o'clock.

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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

There will be regular classes in our Hebrew School on Sunday morning, May 29th.

We will have Junior Congregation services on the festival of Shevuos, Wednesday and Thursday, June 1st and June 2nd.

According to the regulation of the Board of Education, children are excused from attending Public School on their respective holidays. Hebrew school classes will be resumed on Sunday, June 5th.

Our closing evercises will be held on Wednesday, June 15th from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Our parents are urged to attend this significant event with their families.

At our Annual Lag B'Omer outing which was held at Riverside Drive Park on May 15th, our children distinguished themselves by winning several tournaments in the inter-school competition. The following are the names of the winners: Marion Byalick, Jimmy Fisher, Alison Fishzang, Beth Forman, Mimi Gersony, Cheryl Selinger and Emily Segelstein.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our deepest Congregational gratitude to Mrs. Joseph Friedman for leading the Hebrew classes for women during the past season, with our fervent hope that our readers will continue to avail themselves of the educational advantage of these classes in the future . . . Our congregational citation of merit to our Women's League member, Mrs. Max Klein upon her election as a member of the Presidium of the Aguda Women of America and to Rebbetzin O. Asher Reichel upon her election as First Vice-President . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Harry Perlman . . . Glad to see our Director Jess Ward at services following his recent illness . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Jacob Frankel . . . Best wishes to Mr. Jack Verschleiser in his new law offices . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kalaf upon the birth of Jill Susan.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On the last day of Shevuos, Thursday, June 2, Yizkor Memorial Services will be recited in our Synagogue. The following form may be filled out and delivered to the Synagogue office by Tuesday noon for those special memorial prayers.

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Buddy Udell
- 28—Mrs. Monroe Gaines
Scott Steven Bergman
Mrs. Irving Kobrin
Mrs. Max Zahler
- 29—Louis Landowne
- 30—Sandra Kay Grossman
Renee Kaufman
- 31—Rachel Ann Goldsmith

June

- 1—David M. Jacobwitz
- 2—John D. Garrett
- 3—Leisha Langer
Mrs. Allen Moskowitz
- 4—Mrs. Bernard Bercu
Jacob Gross
Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld
- 5—Mrs. Mac Goldstein
Michael Samuel Kantrowitz
- 8—Harvey Z. Shapiro
- 9—Julie Sima Pash

Anniversary Greetings

May

- 29—Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rotto
President & Mrs. Lester Udell
- 30—Dr. & Mrs. M. S. Gershweir
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Schreiber
- 31—Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tessler

June

- 3—Mr. & Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz
- 4—Director & Mrs. Jess E. Gross
- 5—Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Kamerman
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- 6—Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Blankfort
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