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ROSH HASHONAH STARTS THIS EVENING AT CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

With the lighting of candles today we usher in the New Year of 5721. 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.

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The Shofar, Keynote of The Holidays

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

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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.

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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)

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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.

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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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MEN'S CLUB NOTES

Dr. Frank E. Fink, President of our Men's Club, extends a cordial invitation to all its members and prospective members, to attend the first meeting of the season, **Monday night, October 3rd**, in the Gold Room.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Open Meeting To Be Held On September 26th

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an **Open Meeting** of our Women's League on **Monday, September 26th** in our **Clubroom** at **12:30 P.M.** Coffee and cake will be served. You are all invited to participate in our program for the afternoon. Where have you spent your summer? Have you been to Israel, Europe, California or any other place of interest? Come prepared to tell us about it. Perhaps you met someone well-known in Jewish life or have been to some place renown in Jewish history. Let us all relive your summer with you.

Don't forget to return all library books at this meeting.

On **Tuesday, September 27th**, the Membership Committee, under the guidance of **Mrs. Edward Jacobs**, Chairman, will start their work contacting new worshipers in our Synagogue for the High Holy Days. The Committee needs help on this project. Please volunteer your services for a few hours.

Have you made your reservations for our glamorous **DONOR LUNCHEON AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th**. This is one function that you must not miss ! ! ! **Mrs. William Wedeen**, Chairman, will be glad to make reservations for you and your guests.

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.



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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.

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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.

This year the Fast of Gedaliah will fall on Sunday, since there is no fasting on the Sabbath, except for Yom Kippur.

SHABBOS SHUVA

The Sabbath following Rosh Hashana is known as the Sabbath of Repentance because of the Haftorah chanted on this Sabbath from the Prophetic Book of Hosea which begins with the words, SHUVA YISRAEL, "Return (or repent) O Israel to the L-rd, thy G-d."

WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF W.S.I.S.

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RABBI REICHEL'S DRASHA

As is customary every year, Rabbi Reichel will deliver his Shabbos Shuva Halacha Discourse this Saturday afternoon after Mincha.

CALL OUR OFFICE
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For Meals in our Succah

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CALENDAR

The Erev Yom Kippur Mincha service precedes the final meal of that day. The "Al Chate" prayer of Yom Kippur is added to the Shmoneh Esray of Mincha. This Mincha service is usually found in the Yom Kippur Machzor. Mincha services on Erev Yom Kippur are conducted at our Synagogue from 2:00 to 3:45 P.M.

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Parents of young children will surely be glad to learn that the Beginners' Classes for first and second graders will have their first session on Sunday morning, October 2nd.

A wonderful New Year resolution is to start our children on their religious education in a pleasant manner at an early age.

Enroll your children this week!

If you have any questions concerning our Hebrew School program, call our office. We will be delighted to be of service.

All other Hebrew School classes are already in session. Parents must be made aware of the fact that if they keep their children out a while they are merely causing unnecessary hardships for them in class once they are behind in their work. Later, they wonder why their children do not cooperate properly, etc. We hope that our parents will take to heart this message.

Registration is still open for our Sunday Kindergarten, which will open after the Holidays.

TASHLICH PARTY FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

Our Talmud Torah pupils, as well as Yeshiva pupils who attend our Synagogue, will assemble in front of our Building on Thursday at 4:45 o'clock, and will proceed together to Central Park. Delicious sweets will be distributed with the compliments of The House of Gross.



Sincerest
Wishes
for
a
Happy
New Year

NORTHEAST
AIRLINES

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Erev Rosh Hashona

Eruv Tavshilin

Light Festival Candles6:38

Mincha6:40

Thursday — Tishrei I

Morning7:30

Junior Congregation10:40

Mincha (followed by Tashlich)4:30

Maariv6:50

Light Festival Candles

Friday — Tishrei II

Morning7:30

Junior Congregation10:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class5:30

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class5:30

Mincha6:30

Light Sabbath Candles before6:35

Saturday — Shabbos Teshuva

Weekly Portion: Ha-azee-nu

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Hosea XIV:2-10

Micah 7:18-20

Morning9:00

Junior Congregation10:40

Mincha6:00

Reader of Torah: Larry Hecht

Reader of Services: Roger Linker

Halachic Discourse by Rabbi Reichel

The Sabbath Terminates7:26

Daily Services

Sunday (Fast of Gedalia)

Slichos6:30, 8:00

Services7:15, 8:45

Mincha (Vayechal)6:30

Monday and Thursday

Slichos6:15, 8:00

Services6:45, 7:15, 8:30

Mincha Tuesday thru Thurs.6:40

Tuesday and Wednesday

Slichos6:15, 8:00

Services6:45, 7:30, 8:30

Friday — Erev Yom Kippur

Selichos & Services6:35, 7:30, 8:15

Friday Mincha —

Successive services2:00 to 3:45

TEEN-AGERS SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Our young people of post Bar Mitzvah age are invited to join the newly organized Sunday morning group in a study of conversational Hebrew, Jewish History and current events.

Sessions are held every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Don't be too formal . . . Just step by this Sunday morning and enjoy yourself.

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 your order the better the choice.

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Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Messrs. Lee L. and Joseph Kneitel upon the passing of their sister, **Frances S. Kneitel**; the family of our late member and Men's Club Officer **Alexander Kirsh**.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 1st, 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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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

We are indeed happy and honored to welcome the following new members and their families into our Congregation: Dr. Benjamin Alperin, David Fefer, Aron Fox, Theodore Grand, Hyman Hahn, Ernst Pinkus, Albert Schmeidler, Jack Verschleiser. We look forward to their active participation in our midst for scores of years to come . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stolberg upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Peter, which was recently celebrated in our Synagogue. Congratulations also to the grandparents, Mrs. Dora Cantor and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stolberg . . . We felicitate Mrs. Gene Blume upon her installation as Vice-President of the East Side group of the Women's League for Israel . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Morris Edelson, Mrs. Joseph Friedman, Master Samuel Hilf, and Mr. Isidore Teitelbaum.

Birthday Greetings

September

- 21—Gabriel F. Goldstein
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- 22—Director Samuel K. Beier
- 23—Director H. William Hirsch
- 24—Ira Bruce Tumpowsky
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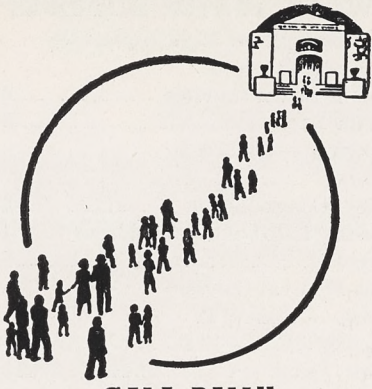
Anniversary Greetings

- 28—Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kleinfeld

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.

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