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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR PARENTS

Our Hebrew School is presently organizing its classes, staff and curriculum for September.

We need your helpful advice at this time regarding the following matters:

1. As you know, one set of classes meets Mondays and Wednesdays and the other set meets on Tuesday and Thursdays, in addition to Sundays. Please let us know NOW if there are any particular days that will not be convenient for your child next term. If we have this information now we will do our best to schedule your children's classes so that there will be no conflict — later on this cannot be done at will.
2. Should we have a Sunday morning kindergarten (4-5 years old) next year? What about a 6-7 year old class to meet Sundays and one afternoon? Unless we know before the summer that a number of parents will enroll their children in these younger age classes, we cannot engage additional teachers in advance. Please advise all parents with young children to contact our Hebrew School office at once. Our phone is TR 7-8281.
3. A number of parents have expressed an interest in a daily morning nursery. More anon.
4. Now is also the time to register all children (boys and girls) for the coming term. If you know of neighbors (old or new) in our community who have children of Hebrew school age, please advise Rabbi Reichel.
5. If your son will be 12 years of age by October please see Rabbi Reichel, before the summer, concerning Bar Mitzvah plans.
6. Hebrew Schools classes meet regularly through Thursday, June 14th. Our closing exercises will be held on Monday, June 18th, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

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MEN'S CLUB TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

A regular meeting of our Men's Club will be held this Monday, May 21st, at 8:30 o'clock in the Gold Room.

All members are requested to be present. Refreshments will be served.

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Baseball Tickets Available In Our Office

Yes, our Men's Club has some very good tickets on hand for the Yankee-Oriole double header at the Stadium on Sunday, June 10th. Call or write our Men's Club for reserved seats, attention of Mr. H. William Hirsch, Chairman.

LAG B'OMER TUESDAY

This Tuesday marks the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer and is known as Lag B'Omer. Lag is composed of the two Hebrew letters "lammed, gimmel," which considered as numerals, equal 33.

Lag B'Omer is considered as a minor holiday. Weddings and haircuts are permitted on this day during the Sefirah period.

Origins of the Celebration

Bar Kochba defeated the Romans on Lag B'Omer in his unsuccessful revolt (132-35 C.E.). During that same period, a plague broke out which raged among the disciples of Rabbi Akiba. On Lag B'Omer the epidemic ceased.

It is also celebrated as the yahrzeit of Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai, the author of the Cabbalistic book "Zohar." In Israel many thousands make the pilgrimage to his grave to pray on this day.



TIME
for more
ADS

You still have time to place an ad or greeting in honor of our Director, Jacob Kinzler, in the Souvenir Album which will be printed shortly.

Advertisement blanks are available in our office — TR 7-8281.

CALLING FOR GRADUATION NEWS

By May 28th we will need the names and pertinent details of all our June graduates in order for this information to appear in the final issue of the "Review" (June 7th).

We would like our proud parents and grandparents to send us the names of the graduates, the schools from which they are graduating, the degree, if any, and the schools which they plan to enter.

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serious thought

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(To be Continued)

Unveiling

The unveiling of the monument in memory of our late Director **Jacob H. Silverstein** will take place this Sunday, May 20th, at 2 P.M., at Beth El Cemetery.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Kurt Benjamin upon the passing of his mother **Rachel Benjamin**; to our member, Mr. Barnett Joseph, our Women's League member, Mrs. Irving Kobrin, and Mrs. Fred H. Diamond, upon the passing of their wife and sister, **Beatrice Joseph**; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwartz, upon the passing of their son-in-law **Joseph I. Levy**; to the family of **Belle Silver**.

THE PRAYER BOOK

Comments by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The Friday Evening Psalms

PSALM 98

In this Psalm we read how Israel should give praise to G-d for the Redemption.

"WONDERS — WHICH HIS RIGHT HAND HATH WROUGHT"

"RIGHT HAND" is an expression for G-d's might. G-d Himself will help. In the previous Psalms we read that we shall win the Salvation naturally, but with the final Salvation through the war of Gog and Magog it will be unnatural, miraculous, and seen by all the nations, as we read in our verse, "Revealed in the Sight of the Nations." **"HE HATH REMEMBERED HIS LOVING KINDNESS AND HIS FAITHFULNESS TOWARD THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR G-D."**

G-d fulfills all His promises to Israel, and all the nations will witness the Redemption. **ALL THE NATIONS** should know that with the Salvation of the Jew, there will be Peace and as we read further there will be great joy.

"LET THE SEAS CLAP THEIR HANDS, LET THE MOUNTAINS EXULT TOGETHER"

The Joy will be so great that even the natural world as it were will indicate Joy.

"AND THE NATIONS ("THE PEOPLES") WITH EQUITY"

The non-Jewish nations will be happy that G-d will not in His Judgment exact **deen** strict justice but **yosher** go beyond the strict law.

PSALM 99

A call to recognize G-d's Holiness and again a reference to the Geulah "The Redemption," which is the highlight of these Friday evening Psalms.

"THE PEOPLES STAND IN AWE"

In the previous Psalm we speak of the nations as being happy, and that nature will join as it were, the seas, the trees, etc., after the Redemption and the war of Gog and Magog. Now we have a reference to the time before the War, our verse has it, "The people stand in awe." It seems as though we are living through such a period.

THE L-RD IS GREAT IN ZION AND IS HIGH ABOVE ALL THE NATIONS

Here we have two descriptions of G-d (1) "Gawdohl." He is great in Zion, meaning as reaching from earth to Heaven, and not only in Heaven, but also from Heaven to earth. To the nations He is HIGH, Exalted in the Heavens, too exalted to deal with man, as the Psalmist put it (See the 1st Hallel, Psalm 113, verses 4-9). Man is too puny to be rewarded by the Exalted G-d, therefore sins with impunity (See Psalm 139, verse 20).

With the Jew, G-d is pictured as both Great and High (exalted). He looketh down from the Heavens and lifteth up the needy, etc. See Psalm 113, verses 5 to 7.

"THE KINGS STRENGTH ALSO LOVETH JUSTICE"

Although G-d is Almighty, He loveth to establish Justice as we read in this verse.

"THOU HAST WROUGHT JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IN JACOB"

"Justice" refers to the Exile, and "Righteousness" to the Redemption from the Galus.

"BOW OR WORSHIP AT HIS FOOTSTOOL"

This is a reference to the Temple. This means we are to bow in worship to G-d who dwells in the Holy Temple. Today, of course, it is a reference to the traditional Mikdash me-ah "the minor sanctuary," — the synagogue. We cannot call places where there is the transgression of the Sabbath or the intermingling of the sexes a Holy Temple.

"MOSES AND AARON — AND SAMUEL AMONG THEM CALL UPON HIS NAME"

Even Moses, Aaron and Samuel felt the need for prayers because no person is perfect.

"THOU DIDST ANSWER THEM, O L-RD OUR G-D: A FORGIVING G-D, THOUGH DIDST PUNISH THEIR MISDEEDS"

Although Moses, Aaron and Samuel were so outstanding, nevertheless, they were punished for their misdeeds.

Rebecca F. Goldstein Women's League

Last Call For Reservations For Luncheon

THE DATE: MAY 22 (Tuesday)

THE TIME: 12 NOON

THE PLACE: SYNAGOGUE GRAND BALLROOM

THE EVENT: SILVER JUBILEE LUNCHEON

Our Chairman in Charge of Catering, **Mrs. Jacob Isseks**, and Co-Chairman **Miss Rose Schwager**, have planned a delicious lunch for your pleasure. This Silver Anniversary function will be outstanding in every way. However, we must have the cooperation of each and every one of you to bring your friends. At the luncheon there will be a lovely Treasure Chest, individual gifts, entertainment and card playing for all who wish to play.

You may still make reservations by calling the Synagogue (TR 7-8281).

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Guests of Honor

Special tribute will be paid to the members of our Women's League for twenty-five (25) years. The following members will be honored:

Mmes. Joseph Anderson, Harry Appel, Samuel K. Beier, Siegfried

Bendheim, Albert Colin, (Miss) Ruth Davis, Jacob Eisenberg, Miriam Bob Fasten, Meyer H. Fishman, Isidore Friedman, (Miss) Lee Gluck, Isaac Goldman, Benjamin Goldstein, Jacob (Hilda) Goodman, Maurice Greenstein, Henry Hauer, William Horwitz, Morris Jablow, David Kamerman, Harold Kaplan, Joseph Landowne, Moses Langer, Jack Levine, Morris Levine, George L. Livingston, Herman Livingston, Henry Moskowitz, Richard Rubenstein, Max E. Sanders, Max Selsky, Samuel W. Siegel, Jenny Slayton, Isidor Stoll, Lester Udell, David Ullman, Harry Ward and Esther Weiss.

If we have omitted your name or the name of someone you know who has been a member for 25 years please call the Synagogue and let us know at once.

Birthday Greetings

May

- 19—Samuel Diamond
Joseph Neustadter
Daniel Rich
Benjamin Spanbock
- 20—Mrs. Morris Segerman
Mrs. Esther Weiss
- 21—Justin Bayer
Ronald E. Bellsey
Mrs. John D. Garrett
Nat Trotzky
- 22—Ruth Davis
Herschel E. Gold
- 23—Kenneth L. Bernstein
Dr. Jerome J. Goldstein
- 24—Joshua Levine
Mrs. Arthur Moll

Anniversary Greetings

- 22—Mr. & Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum
Rabbi & Mrs. Moishe C. Pekier
- 23—Mr. & Mrs. David Don

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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our Annual Lag B'Omer outing on Sunday, May 27th will be held at the Riverside Drive Athletic Field at the foot of 72nd Street.

Our children have been given special forms that must be filled out by the parents. The class of Mrs. Davids, however, will meet in our building at the regular time.

In the case of inclement weather the event will be postponed and regular classes will be held.

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SEFIRAH CHECK LIST

Week Beginning Friday, May 18th

Friday night	30	Omer
Saturday night	31	Omer
Sunday night	32	Omer
Monday night	33	Omer
Tuesday night	34	Omer
Wednesday night	35	Omer
Thursday night	36	Omer

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, May 18th (Pesach Sheini)

*Light Candles Before	7:50
*Mincha	6:40
Saturday Morning	9:00
Sedra — Behar	
Junior Congregation	10:40
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	6:25
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	6:25
Mincha	7:25

PEREK IV

Reader of the Torah: Johanan Levine
Reader of the Service: Levi Pekier
Sseudah Shlishis — Comments on the
Sedra by Rabbi Reichel
Host: Mr. George Goldstein
Sabbath Terminates 8:44 |

DAILY SERVICES

Sunday Morning	7:15, 8:15, 8:45
Monday & Thursday	
Mornings	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	
Mornings	6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha	8:05
Wednesday — Rabbi Pekier's	
Talmud Class	7:00
Friday, May 25th	
*Light Candles Before	7:57
*Mincha	6:40
Saturday, May 26th	9:00

* Those who usher in the Sabbath with the Congregation at an early hour should recite the full "Shma" and count the Omer after dark.

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

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our Congregation has been vicariously honored by the designation of Rabbi Reichel as Honorary Vice-Chairman of the annual I Am An American (Citizenship) Day Celebration by the City of New York which will be held this Sunday afternoon, May 20th, on the Mall at Central Park. Rabbi Reichel was also invited to deliver the Benediction at this event . . . If the inspiring performance by our youth in its conduct at our last Sabbath morning services is any criterion, American Orthodox Jewry has indeed a rosy future . . . Mazel tov to our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Esther Levy, upon the engagement of her grandson, Sandy N. Kriss, to Maxine Jane Goldman; to our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Winnie Pack, upon the forthcoming marriage of her son, Jay J., to Sheila Cower; to our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Anna Dworkin, upon the birth of a great granddaughter — the proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Berkowitz; to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oppenheimer and our members, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ukeles, upon the birth of a son to their children, Cantor and Mrs. Alfred Oppenheimer; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Stern, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Roy Howard . . . Au Revoir to our Director Henry Blankfort on his return to California after his recent prolonged visit with us . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Anna Dworkin, Mr. Ben Kass and Mrs. Esther Weiss . . . Wishing every success in his new law office to Mr. Hyman Cohen . . . From Europe welcome to the Bernard Bernard family and Mr. Fred Bienstock . . . The owner of the watch lost in our Synagogue about two weeks ago should contact the office for its return.

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TEEN-AGE (14-18) ACTIVITIES

TEENAGERS CITY-WIDE EVENT SUNDAY, MAY 20th

The Metropolitan Youth Commission of the Yeshiva University Youth Bureau invites our teen agers to a "Day in Washington Heights", Sunday, May 20th. Mt. Sinai Jewish Center (187th Street and Broadway) will be host for the program. Following morning services at 10:00, a brunch will be served at 11:00. Afterwards the group will tour the Yeshiva University campus. Also on the program

will be athletic exhibitions until 2:30 P.M.

There will be a nominal charge of 75¢. If you have not registered and you wish to attend, you may pay your registration at the door on Sunday morning.

This newly organized group sponsored an all day event in our building on April 15th.

SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 7 P.M.

MEETING IN OUR GAME ROOM

The Junior League (Senior High School students) will meet in our

Game Room on the 6th floor. All welcome.

REGIONAL CONVENTION IN JAMAICA, N.Y.

WEEKEND OF JUNE 1st

Our teenagers are invited to spend a wonderful weekend as our delegates to the Regional Convention of the Long Island and Bronx-Manhattan Regions of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth of the UOJCA from Friday afternoon, June 1st, until Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, in Jamaica, N.Y.

The exciting program includes recreational activities, Saturday night entertainment, an oratorical

contest, group singing and discussions.

The cost for the entire event including lodging and food is only \$8.50. Headquarters will be at The Congregation Mishkan Israel of Jamaica, 153-14 90th Avenue, Jamaica 32, N.Y.

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