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by **MAIMONIDES**

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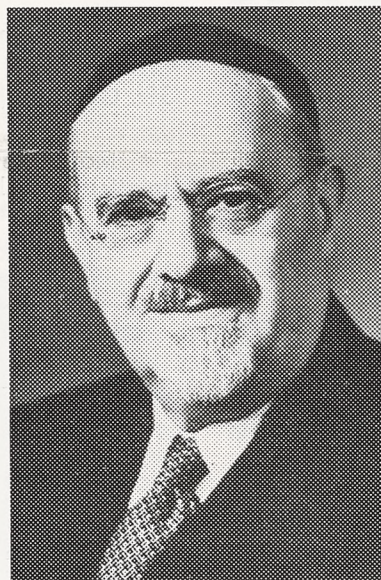
Synagogues and Houses of Religious Study must be treated with respect.

There must be no light behavior in Synagogues and Houses of [Religious] Study; no jesting, no mockery or idle talk. One may not eat or drink, indulge in physical recreation or promenade there.

Nor are calculations to be made in them, unless these are in connection with a religious duty; for example, counting the contents of the charity box or the proceeds of a collection for redemption of captives, etc.

If one has occasion to go into a Synagogue to call a child or other person, he may go in, but should read some portion of Scripture or recite a traditional dictum, so that his entry shall not be for the sake of his private affairs only. If he has no knowledge he should say to one of the children, "Recite to me the verse you are now reading," or he should stay a while in the Synagogue and then leave, for staying there is also a religious act, as it is said, "Happy are they that dwell in Thy house" (Psalms 84:5).

75th BIRTHDAY OF OUR SENIOR RABBI TO BE CELEBRATED BY CONGREGATION



RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

At a special meeting of our Board of Trustees it was resolved that the Congregation mark our beloved Senior Rabbi's 75th birthday with an appropriate celebration in his honor in the Spring.

Surely every member and friend of the Rabbi will want to share in the joy of this milestone in his life. Details will be announced in the near future.

RESERVATIONS FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM NOW BEING TAKEN

Arrangements have been made with the Star Caterers to have our Congregational Sedorim on April 16th and 17th at the Bolivar Hotel, on Central Park West and 83rd Street, Mr. Samuel Silver, Chairman of our Seder Committee, has just announced. These plans, however, are subject to a minimum number of reservations which we must guarantee by next week. All our members and congregants are therefore urged to

inform our Synagogue office by March 1st if they plan to attend. The cost per person for each Seder is \$15.

Those who have been with us in the past will surely spread the news to their respective circle of neighbors and friends. Only if we will have the required minimum reservations in advance will we be able to finalize our plans.

Our Synagogue telephone numbers are: TR 7-8281 and 8251.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**Friday, February 26th**

Light Candles Before5:25
Mincha5:25

Saturday, February 27th

Morning Service9:00

Sedra: Vayakhel
Blessing of New Month
Parshas Shekolim

Junior Congregation10:45

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class
(in Yiddish)4:05

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class
(in English)4:05

Mincha5:05

Reader of Service: Levi Pekier
Reader of Torah: Abraham Kraushar
Seuda Shlishis

Host: Mr. Eli Perlo

Sabbath Terminates6:20

Week of February 28th

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Monday Morning6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tues. & Wed.6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Thurs. & Fri. — Rosh Chodesh

Adar II6:30, 7:30, 8:10

Mincha Daily5:35

Weds. — Rabbi Pekier's Class8:00

Friday, March 5th — Rosh Chodesh

Light Candles Before5:33

Mincha5:35

Saturday, March 6th

Morning Service9:00

Sedra: Pekuday

Junior Congregation10:45

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class4:15

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class4:15

Mincha5:15

Reader of Service: Mervyn Frankel

Reader of Torah: Aaron I. Reichel

Seuda Shlishis

Host: Mr. Harry Perlman

Sabbath Terminates6:29

Week of March 7th

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Mon. & Thurs.6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tues., Wed. & Fri.6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha Daily5:45

Friday, March 12th

Light Candles Before5:41

Mincha5:45

Sat., March 13 — Morning**Men's Club****MEN'S CLUB BRUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28th**

Our Men's Club members and their wives are cordially invited to a Brunch on Sunday, February 28th at 11:00 A.M., which will be held in our Ballroom. We shall have as our guest speaker, Mr. Milton Newmark, a prominent attorney, who spent last summer visiting in Russia. His topic will be, "The Jews in Russia." Mr. Isaac Koenigsberg is chairman of this event.

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MEN'S CLUB MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 1st

Our new neighbors are cordially invited to attend our next meeting on Monday, March 1st, at 8:30 P.M. sharp. Delicious refreshments and socializing follow all our meetings.

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Sunday, March 7th, the Men's Club special performance of "The Sound of Music" will take place at the Rivoli Theatre. A few tickets are left. Contact Mr. Gerard Benjamin, Chairman, or the Synagogue office at once.

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March 28th has been designated Men's Club Sabbath. Please be sure to attend and bring your friends.

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The Bazaar Committee urges a final concerted effort for more merchandise. Please call the Synagogue office and we will pick up the packages if necessary.

SHABBOS SHEKOLIM, FEB. 27th

Saturday, February 27th, marks the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover Holiday season. This day is known as Shabbos Shekalim and is observed every year on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar (in the Jewish leap year, Adar II).

On each of these special Sabbaths there is a special Torah reading which refers to the half shekel that every Israelite, twenty years of age or over gave as his equal share toward the support of the Temple (Exodus 30:11-16).

In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, it was the custom to remind all of their obligation to give the half shekel on the first day of Adar. Hence, we read this portion of the Law as near as possible to Rosh Chodesh Adar.

**ELITE CLUB SOCIAL
TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd**

The Elite Club (for single people over 28) is continuing to grow, with more people enjoying our activities.

Our next Social will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 8:00 P.M., when there will be a stimulating discussion, followed by music and refreshments. Nominal admission charge.

**CHILDREN'S PURIM CARNIVAL
AND MASQUERADE
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14th**

Our Hebrew School Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 14th, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M., in the Game Room. All children, ages 4 to 12, may join our Hebrew School pupils at this gala event. Remember the date and tell your children to remind you to bring them that day.

**OUR ANNUAL
B A Z A A R
SUNDAY, APRIL 4th**

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You may send new merchandise to the Bazaar Committee, WSIS, 120 West 76th Street — or leave word at the Synagogue office for our volunteers to pick up your donations, TR 7-8281.



REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

"HIGHLIGHTS OF JEWISH HISTORY" LECTURE MARCH 8th, 11:30 A.M.

Another in the series of lectures on "Highlights of Jewish History" will be given by our **Rabbi O. Asher Reichel** on Monday, March 8th at 11:30 A.M., preceding the Open Meeting. Don't miss these interesting lectures which are followed by a question and answer period.

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OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 8th

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on **Monday, March 8th at 12:30 P.M.** in our **Women's League Clubroom.**

The program of the afternoon will be one of Audience Participation. There will be an exciting contest game with a panel of two teams. Prizes will be given to the winners. Contestants will be volunteers from those present. Come and bring your friends to an afternoon of fun and laughter.

Coffee and cake will be served.

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CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON MONDAY, MARCH 15th

Co-Chairman

Bert Isseks, Co-Chairman of our Children's Village Luncheon is doing a tremendous job to make this affair the best ever. From past performances, we feel confident that this will be the best from Bert. However, we must have the cooperation of every member with a promise that she will bring her friends. Don't forget, ladies, the more, the merrier. Please make reservations for yourself and your friends so that arrangements for your comfort and enjoyment may be made in advance. Admission is \$6.00.



Mrs. Jacob Isseks

Condolences

We sorrowfully record the passing of the following of our Congregational Family and extend our deepest sympathy to their dear ones:

Max Kochen — our member, husband of Mrs. Pepi Kochen.

Benjamin Lindenbaum — father of our member, Mrs. Henry Lindenbaum.

Dr. Nathan Settel — our founding member, brother of our member and our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Annie Eisenberg.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

There is room in our primary grade for girls and boys six years of age. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 o'clock and Wednesday afternoons. Visitors are welcome.

For information regarding our modern Hebrew School program please call our office — TR 7-8281.

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

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Mrs. Millie Bisgeier will be the hostess at a Board meeting of the League on Wednesday evening, March 10th.

TEENAGERS MEETING

In Our Game Room
SUNDAY, FEB. 28th, 11:00 A.M.

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AN URGENT APPEAL

This appeal is respectfully directed to each person who enters our House of Worship.

There is almost constant movement and conversation during our Sabbath morning services. Many worshippers leave before the service is concluded. This is not in keeping with a spirit of reverence.

Let each of us, therefore, resolve to bear in mind "before Whom we stand" when we enter the Synagogue. Let each of us contribute to the atmosphere of dignity and respect which is appropriate in a House of G-d.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our Congregational thanks to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Bayer, for their donation of special prayer booklets for the "Arba Parshies," beginning with Shabbos Shekolim (tomorrow) . . . We point with pride to our congregant, Mr. Robert August, who is writing a series of articles in the Jewish Press on the historic figure, David Wolffson . . . Mazel tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bendheim, the grandparents, and to our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, and to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Salomon, the Great-grandparents, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Judah L. Gedalia in England; to our Trustee and Mrs. Murray Cumsky who have the distinction of having just become our youngest great-grandparents to the new arrival, Steven Howard Strickler . . . Welcome from points south to Mr. and Mrs. Jules Cohen, Trustee Abraham M. Druckman, Mr. Fred Ehrman, Trustee Edward Jacobs and Women's League President, Mrs. Jacobs, Dr. and Mrs. Monroe Gaines, Exec. Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Trustee and Mrs. Joseph L. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schwartz, Trustee and Mrs. Bernhard Spira; from points west, Trustee and Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar of the Manhattan Day School (Yeshiva Ohr Torah) will be held in its auditorium, 110 Manhattan Avenue (between 104th and 105th Streets), on Sunday through Tuesday, March 7th - 9th, from 10:30 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Pre-opening sale Saturday night, March 6th at 7:30 P.M.

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Feb.

- 26—Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Ronald Bernard
27—Mrs. David Beilock

March

- 1—Harry Perlman, Mrs. Albert Wald, Elliot Wohl
2—Trustee Harry Altman, David Hecht, Max Hecht, Ellen Livingston, Max Stokar
4—Mrs. Sarah Finkelstein, Herman Kaminsky, Dr. Martin Sage
5—Mrs. Emanuel Buchalter, Mrs. Martin Sage
6—Norman Kamerman
7—Mrs. Selig Edelman, Richard Kalker, Harry Kaplan
8—Mrs. Jules S. Cohen, Cynthia Rybakoff, Eugene Ten Brink, James L. Wohl
9—Howard Kaplan, Joyce Reisman
10—Mrs. Norman Aghassi

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Feb.

- 28—Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Benjamin

March

- 1—Mr. & Mrs. Julius J. Leff
2—Mr. & Mrs. Milton M. Bernard Trustee & Mrs. Harry Ward
3—Mr. & Mrs. Sigg Eisenberg
5—Trustee & Mrs. Morris Jablow
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MEN'S CLUB BRUNCH
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Monday, March 1st, 8:30 P.M.
MEN'S CLUB MEETING
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Tuesday, March 2nd & 16th, 8 P.M.
ELITE CLUB SOCIAL
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Tuesday, March 2nd & 9th, 8 P.M.
ADULT HEBREW CLASS
WITH RABBI GARFIEL
* * *

Sunday, March 7th
MEN'S CLUB THEATRE PARTY
AT RIVOLI
* * *

Monday, March 8th, 11:30 A.M.
WOMEN'S LEAGUE BIBLE
CLASS WITH RABBI REICHEL
* * *

Monday, March 8th, 12:30 P.M.
WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPEN
MEETING
* * *

Wednesday, March 10th, 8:30 P.M.
MR. & MRS. LEAGUE BOARD
MEETING
* * *

Sunday, March 14th, 1:00 P.M.
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