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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Week of June 11

Sunday Morning	7:30, 8:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....	9:00
Mon. & Tues. — Rosh	
Chodesh TAMUZ	6:30, 7:40
Daily Mornings	6:45, 7:50
Minchah—followed by	
Exposition of Halachos	
by Rabbi Reichel	8:20

Friday, June 16

*Kindle Candles Before	8:11
*Minchah	6:40

Sat., June 17—Sedrah: Korach

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Sanhedrin	
Class (in English)	7:15
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Kesubos Class	
(in Yiddish)	7:15
Minchah — PEREK IV	8:15
Sabbath Terminates	9:13

* Those who usher in the Sabbath with the Congregation at an early hour should recite the "shma" paragraphs at night.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Minchah	6:40
Saturday Morning	9:00
Saturday Minchah—One Hour	
Before Sabbath Terminates	
Daily Morning Services	6:45, 7:50
Sunday & July 4	7:30, 8:30
Daily Minchah—About 10 Minutes	
Before Sunset	

FLASH! OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WILL SURELY BE HAPPY TO LEARN THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE BIZET'S CARMEN FOR THE WSIS OPERA BENEFIT ON SATURDAY NITE, MARCH 3, 1973, AT THE NEW YORK CITY OPERA, LINCOLN CENTER

REMEMBER THE WSIS

We trust that all our congregants and readers who could not be present will respond to the Shavuot Yizkor Appeal on behalf of the WSIS Maintenance Fund. Remember, the Synagogue is open every day of the year to serve us.

Services on Special Dates

Thurs., June 29 — Fast of 17 Tamuz	
Morning Services & Slichos.....	6:30, 7:30
Minchah (Vayechal)	8:10
Wed., July 12 — Rosh Chodesh Av	
Morning Services	6:30, 7:40
Wed., July 19 — Erev Tishah B'Av	
Minchah	6:30, 8:15
Maariv (Aichav)	8:40
Thurs., July 20 — Tishah B'Av	
Morning Services (Kinos)	6:15, 7:30
Minchah (Veyechal)	7:55
Thurs.-Fri., Aug. 10-11 - Rosh Chod. Elul	
Morning Services	6:30, 7:40

Summer Sabbath Calendar

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

June 23-24
June 30-July 1
July 7-8
July 14-15
July 21-22
July 28-29
August 4-5
August 11-12
August 18-19
August 25-26
September 1-2

LIGHT CANDLES UP TO

8:13
8:13
8:12
8:09
8:04
7:58
7:51
7:43
7:33
7:23
7:12

SABBATH TERM-INATES

9:15	SEDRAH
9:14	Chukas-Balak
9:13	Pinchas
9:09	Matos-Mas'ay
9:03	Devarim
8:56	Vaeschanan
8:48	Ekev
8:37	Re'ay
8:26	Shofetim
8:16	Ki Setze
8:05	Kee Savo
	Nitzavim-Vayelech

PEREK
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RESERVE SEATS FOR HOLY DAYS BEFORE GOING ON VACATION

While we do not want to rush the summer by, we would like to remind our readers that Rosh Hashanah this year will be ushered in on Friday evening, September 8th. May we take this means of urging our members and friends to make their reservations now for seats in our majestic Sanctuary and spacious auditorium (all air-conditioned) for the forthcoming High Holy Days. Invite your neighbors to join you.

The first Selichos service will take place Saturday night, September 2nd at 10:00 o'clock.

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARENTS



Our Hebrew School is geared to provide personalized programs for our pupils. Now is a good time to enroll your children for the coming season. The Synagogue office is open all summer for registration and inquiries. Our phone is 877-7652.

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The local Jewish Day School, Manhattan Day School, will occupy its new building on 75th Street off Riverside Drive for the new term in September. The new quarters, amongst the finest in the nation, incorporate the latest educational facilities. In addition to its complete elementary school curriculum, there is a pre-school program. Transportation and nourishing lunches will be provided. For further information call 663-5200.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Our congregants who wish to extend New Year Greetings to their friends in the REVIEW should contact our office now. There is a nominal charge of \$4.00.

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**EXCERPTS FROM
RABBI REICHEL'S SERMON
"THE MAGIC SYNDROME"**

... He shall purify himself therewith [purification water of the heifer ashes] on the third day and on the seventh day and he shall be clean (Numbers XIX:12)

One of the most interesting phenomena of modern man is the fact that he cannot do away with his split personality. On the one hand, 20th century man feels that he is aloof from his ancestors — that through the medium of science he has attained the blessings of the super-machine age as well as the atomic age. Thus he is quick to dismiss anything that cannot be scientifically substantiated. On the other hand, modern man seems to be obsessed with magic and with the unreal. How can one explain the manner in which millions of people throughout the world are under the spell of television and similar forms of entertainment filled with hours of nonsense and pure fantasy? Is it because they cannot face the world of reality that they turn their backs to it? Not only youngsters, but I dare say the adult world has also been brainwashed almost to the point of believing that with modern science and know-how the world of make believe and magic will become a reality. To put it another way the modern idea of the Messianic age is that of the world of magic.

It is one thing to count on some element outside of ourselves to solve all our problems for us, without our involvement, as it were. This is what magic is all about: the pebbles in our backyard turn into diamonds and that all our wishes become real. The Torah concept, however, of instant transformations, as in the law of the ashes of the red heifer (see text) whereby a person's ritual status can be changed forthwith, or the Torah concept of repentance whereby a moment's willpower can turn a wicked person into a noble soul, are proven phenomena that transcend this magic syndrome. It is therefore quite another thing to hitch our destiny to our Creator by living according to His world order. If only modern man could yet be humble enough to realize that despite all his accomplishments he cannot detach himself from his divine origins and obligations.

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~ MEN'S CLUB NOTES ~

The Men's Club will honor H. William Hirsch, its outgoing President, and Murray Rosenberg its outgoing Vice-President, at a Testimonial Dinner on Sunday, June 11th, in our Ballroom. The cocktail hour will begin at 5:00 o'clock. Gerard Benjamin, Frederick E. Goldstein and Alexander Rauchman are the Co-Chairmen. Alan J. Cohen, Samuel Gursky, Benjamin Etzkowitz and Sanford Solarz are members of the Arrangements Committee.

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We look forward to seeing all our members at this gala event as well as at our activities following the summer.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes
To All Our Graduates**

From Universities & Colleges:

David, son of Trustee & Mrs. Fred Heiser — J.D., N.Y.U. Law School.

Jonathan, son of Mrs. William B. Herlands — Accepted to Columbia Law School upon completion of his junior year at Columbia College.

Johanan, son of Dr. & Mrs. Jules Levine — M.D., Y.U. Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Julianne, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Lloyd — B.S. in Political Science, Goucher College.

Judith Deborah, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Rudnick — B.F.A. cum laude, Hunter College.

Robert Schneider, grandson of Mrs. Winnie Pack — B.A., Boston U. (to Y.U. Albert Einstein College of Medicine).

Michelle, daughter of Hon. Pres. & Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel — M.A. in Asian and Latin American History, N.Y.U. and Master in Library Science, Pratt Institute.

Samuel M. Silver, grandson of Cantor & Mrs. Irving Silver — Brandeis U. with highest honors (Scholarships to Cornell Medical School and to Rockefeller U. for Ph.D.).

Dianne Ellen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur R. Stein — Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Joel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Wachs — J.D., Columbia Law School.

From High Schools:

Gigi, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Apfelbaum — Ramaz H.S.

Sharon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Elbaum — Calhoun H.S. (to Barnard College).

Laurie, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Jerome J. Goldstein — Long Beach H.S. (to Syracuse U.).

Jay Samuel, son of Dr. & Mrs. Maurice Goodgold — McBurney H.S. (to Johns Hopkins U.).

Shoshana, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Max Hecht — Y.U.H.S. (to C.C.N.Y.).

Howard Horowitz, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Stoll — Teaneck H.S., to Fairleigh Dickinson U.

Alan J. Kalker, grandson of Mrs. Moses Langer — Y.U.H.S. (to Brooklyn College).

D. Gary Langer, grandson of Trustee Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Greenberg and Mrs. Moses Langer — Y.U.H.S. (to Hunter College).

Hannah, daughter of Trustee & Mrs. Martin Romerovski — Max and Dorothy Cohen H.S.

Michael, son of Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Widlanski — Ramaz H.S. New York State Regents Scholarships (to Columbia College).

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NOTE: The names of the graduates which will reach us after we go to press will be listed in the first issue of the REVIEW in September. Thus we welcome the names of additional graduates in our Congregational Family.

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REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The first Board meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday, September 13. The Presidium Mmes. Fred Goldstein, Kate Goodman and O. Asher Reichel will be the hostesses for the luncheon preceding it.

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The success of our Children's Village Luncheon which honored Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, is largely due to the energetic and dynamic Chairman Jeanette Jacobs, Honorary Chairman Sadie Balmuth, Co-Chairman Bertha Koch, and Treasurer Ann Soffer plus all who participated in many ways. Special thanks to Martha Horwitz for the lovely watch and to Winnie Pack for her generous donation.

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We wish all our members and their families a very pleasant and healthy summer.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NEWS

The hosts at the opening Board meeting for the new season on Wednesday, September 13th, will be Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Rath.

WSIS BAZAAR NOTES

The success of our annual Bazaar is the result of the devoted labors of our Men's Club and Mr. & Mrs. League, the co-sponsors, as well as of our generous donors and participants. Bouquets to the Co-Chairmen of the Bazaar Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gursky and Fred Heiser, and to the following who helped in so many ways:

Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Bayer, Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Benjamin & son Peter, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bergenthal, Mrs. Aladar Bernath, Mrs. Howard Bisgeier & son Craig, Mrs. Mildred Bisgeier, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Bitner & daughter Rhona, Mrs. David Bloom, Esther Blumberg, Natalie Chock, Murray Cumsky, Mrs. Lillie Davis, Alexander Dimant, Mr. & Mrs. Sol Edelman, Mrs. Esther Ehrenfeld, Benjamin Etzkowitz, Alfred Florsheim, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Frankel & daughter Sheila, Mrs. Morton Garfiel, Emil Glucker, Mrs. Lucy Gold, Nat Goller, Jacob Goldberg, Mrs. Edith Goldstein, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Goldstein, Mrs. Kate Goodman, David Heiser, H. William Hirsch, Jonas Kammerman, Mrs. Edward Kanbar, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Klein, Mrs. Rosalie Krieger, Mr. & Mrs. Max Markowitz, Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Mendelson, Mrs. Adeline Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Nadel, Eli Perlo, Mr. & Mrs. Jakob Rath, Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Rauchman, Mrs. Lena Reichel, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel & son Aaron, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rizotti & children Beth and Roy, Murray Rosenberg, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Rudnick & children David and Judith, Sam Schwartz, Mrs. Friedel Salmon, Mr. & Mrs. Max Schwarz & children Marna and Joseph, Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Schneider, Mrs. Anna Simon, Bernhard Spira, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur R. Stein, Mr. & Mrs. Simon Steinlauf, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Steinlauf, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Ten Brink, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Tepper, Mrs. Edna Weinstein, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld, Nathan Werblud, Mrs. Jennie Yabrow, Henry Zimmern, and Michael Zohar among others.

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A Survey of Jewish History

By Dr. Moses Auerbach

Period of The Spanish and Franco-German Spiritual Centers (Through 1492 C.E.)

While the Gaonate of Pumbeditha (in Babylonia) existed until the middle of the 11th century under the brilliant leadership of R. Sherira Gaon and R. Hai Gaon, it ceased to hold its position of leadership for all Jewry. Now two great communities began to emerge — the Sephardic and the Ashkenazic. Their difference lay essentially in the distinction between the Jews of the Mediterranean lands where Spain dominated, and the Jews of the rest of Europe whose leadership eventually passed from northern France to southern and central Germany. For a long time southern France played the role of arbitrator between the two groups.

The political victory of Christianity gradually robbed the Jews of their equal rights of citizenship in the Roman Empire which they had enjoyed since the reign of Emperor Caracalla. The incorporation of the anti-Jewish laws of Justinian (527-565) into the *Codex Juris Romani* became the legal precedent for abuse of the Jews in most of the Christian countries until well into the 19th century. Under the rule of priests and kings whose lust for persecution was fanatical, the Jews of the Spanish Visigoth Kingdom suffered most. The victory of the Arabs at Xeres (711) brought some relief from their oppressors.

The glory of the Jewish-Spanish culture began in the second half of the tenth century, dominated by the great Jewish statesman, Hasdai ibn Shaprut (961-976) and reached its highest point of development in the 11th and 12th centuries.

A representative figure of that glorious epoch when Jewish and Arabic scholars were numerous was Samuel HaNagid (1027-1055). Imbued with the Jewish spirit and nurtured by the wis-

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We are delighted to note that many new families are moving into our neighborhood. Should you know of newcomers, please invite them to our services and to our social activities listed in the Review. Rabbi Reichel will be glad to personally welcome them. Kindly send us their names, addresses and phone numbers.

dom of Jewish, Greek and Arabic thinkers, divinely inspired poets and philosophers as Solomon Ibn Gabirol (died 1070) and Judah Halevi (1085-1140) created works of permanent value for the world. All branches of learning blossomed: grammar, exegesis, mathematics, and astronomy were pursued with a zest hitherto unknown. Personalities such as Menachem ben Saruk, Jonah Ibn Janah, and Abraham Ibn Ezra are indicative of the scientific spirit which possessed the Spanish Jews of that period and rendered the Biblical research of that time of such importance to us.

GETTING PERSONAL

We note with pride that the 1972 edition of "Who's Who in World Jewry," just published, contains the following members of our Congregational Family: our Rabbi Dr. O. Asher Reichel, Reb-betzin Josephine G. Reichel, Samuel K. Beier, Charles H. Bendheim, Herman H. Cohen, Sam Davis, Hon. Harry B. Frank, Abraham Krumbein, Dr. Meyer Texon, Moses Torczyner and Mrs. Albert Wald.

A fan letter from another reader abroad mentioned that the *Review* served as a timely reminder to make the Eruv Tavshilin on Erev Shavuot!

Welcome home from the Holy Land to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Krampf, Mr. and Mrs. David Pretner, Miss Rose Schwager, Board Secretary William T. Steinlauff, Miss Julia Stich; and from Europe, Mrs. Mildred Bisgeier.

Congregational thanks to Michael Willanski for his recent reading of the Sedrah.

Mr. Nash Aussenberg, our Baal Tokaya, was again given the honor to sound the shofar at the opening of the Salute to Israel Parade.

All good wishes in their new home to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman.

Bon Voyage to Steven Zahler upon his extended visit to Brazil.

Mr. Bruno Bayer participated in our Manhattan Day School appeal.

With this the last issue of the season, we wish you all a happy and spiritually rewarding summer.

Condolences

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

Arpad Fechter — brother of Mrs. Margaret Klein.

Barney Goldstone — brother of Mrs. Sally Geismar.

Ely Lynn — brother of our Women's League member, Mrs. Bernhard Spira, wife of our Treasurer.

Blanche Mirken — daughter of our late Founder and Vice-President, Aaron Wartels, wife of Mr. Harry Mirken and sister of our Women's League Board member, Mrs. William Horwitz, and of our benefactor, Mr. Nat Wartels, and Mr. Lester Wartels.

Angele Wellner — wife of our member, Mr. Isidor Wellner.

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IN OUR SYNAGOGUE**

MAZAL TOV

Births

William David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Surkis.

Matthew Jonathan, great-grandson of our member, Mr. Morris A. Zuckerbraun, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hiltzik, and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hiltzik.

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Bas Mitzvah

Beth, granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barsky.

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Engagement

Richard H., grandson of our member, Mr. Morris A. Zuckerbraun, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra, to Shari, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spilky.

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Marriages

Debbie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nash Aussenberg, to Alvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rapp.

Gerald S., son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bahr, to Ilene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Freidus. The *aufruf* was held in our Synagogue.

Sharon, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Elefant, to Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Oberfield.

Michael G., grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein and son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Goldstein to Arlyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Gellman.

David, son of Trustee and Mrs. Freddy Heiser and grandson of Mrs. Minna Haas, to Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lessin. The *aufruf* and *kiddush* will be held on August 19th.

Vivian, granddaughter of our Women's League member, Mrs. Charlotte Kestenbaum, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Korngold, to Bernard B., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Falk.

Beth S., granddaughter of our members, Cantor and Mrs. Irving Silver, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome R. Jakubovitz, to Robert, son of Rabbi Morris Chiger and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Schwartz.

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CHAYA PEKIER ENGAGED

Heartiest congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. Moise C. Pekier, and to the grandfather, Mr. Shiya Fisherman of Israel, upon the engagement of their daughter, Chaya, to Joseph Y. Strassfeld of Monsey, N.Y. The bride-to-be graduated Beth Jacob Esther Schoenfeld High School and attended Hunter College. The groom-to-be attended the Yeshiva of Philadelphia and is presently at the Yeshiva of Lakewood.

Rabbi and Mrs. Pekier will tender a kiddush in celebration on Saturday, June 24th.

Happy Birthday to:

Morris Becker, Joseph E. Cohen, Mrs. Benjamin Ehrenfeld, Mrs. Jerome J. Goldstein, Jonathan Goldstein, Stephen Goldstein, Francine Gross, Mrs. George H. Heller, Dr. Maurice Krauss, Mrs. Jordan Lefko, Herman Levine, Henry Link, Jack Parker, Mrs. Joseph Pincus, Andrew Pressner, Mrs. Bernice Rimler, Mrs. M. Daniel Rotto, Judith Rudnick, Mrs. Alfred Schwartz, Jonathan Spanbock, Mrs. Maurice Spanbock, Harry Weisenfeld.

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Happy Anniversary to the:

Lawrence Axelrods, Samuel K. Beiers, Melvin Bergmans, Frank Bisingers, Joseph Buchsbaums, Jules S. Cohens, Alexander Dimants, Irving Fausts, Hyman Felds, Fred Gellers, George A. Golds, Dr. Herschel Golds, James O. Herlands', Herman Kaminskys, Max Kochs, Herman Levines, Joshua Levines, Marvin R. Livingstons, Dr. Joseph Moses', Harold Oelbaums', Rudolph Ornsteins, Jack Robbins', A. Rossets, Edgar L. Rybakoffs, Dr. Martin Sages, David Wheys.

THE MUSEUM ON SATURDAYS

The neighboring Museum of Natural History restricts admission to those who will make a contribution regardless of the amount. We have been advised that Sabbath observers will not be required to offer money on the Sabbath. Instead they should approach the Hospitality Director (Cashier) and explain that as observant Jews they may not carry money on the Sabbath. Naturally it will be appropriate to mail in a contribution afterwards.

This arrangement has precedents. The Amsterdam (Holland) Museum of Modern Art admits Sabbath observers gratis on Saturdays.

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