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LAST CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS
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Saturday Night, March 17, 8:00
(Following the Reading of the Megillah)

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ROBERT M. SWARTZ

Welcome to our new Executive Director, Mr. Robert M. Swartz, who will also coordinate cultural and social programs for all ages in our Synagogue. Mr. Swartz graduated from Yeshiva University with degrees in Rabbinics, Jewish studies and history. A native of Rochester, New York, he was on the staff of the U.J.A. of Greater New York. We wish him well in his association with our Synagogue. May we urge all our members and friends to say hello to Mr. Swartz at their earliest opportunity.

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PURIM NOTES

Reading of Megillah
Saturday Night, March 17 and
Sunday Morning, March 18

Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of Persia from extermination by the plot of Haman, Prime Minister of King Ahasuerus of Persia, 2,446 years ago. He chose the 13th day of Adar by casting lots from which the name Purim is derived. By the vigilance of Mordecai, who exposed a conspiracy against the king's life, and the intervention of his cousin, Esther the Queen, the Jews were saved. The crafty Haman was hanged on his own gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai and the King appointed Mordecai Prime Minister in his place.

It is obligatory upon men, women and children to listen to the reading of the entire Megillah at night and day because all were included in this evil decree of Haman.

The Book of Esther also enjoins us to make Purim a special occasion for giving gifts, known as "Mishloach Manos", consisting of at least two portions of prepared food. We are also to give charity that day.

On Purim afternoon the festive meal is begun before sundown.

The day after Purim is called Shushan Purim, in commemoration of the Jews of Shushan who defended themselves for two days.

Children Welcome

Our parents are urged to come with their children to the Purim services on Saturday night at 6:40 and on Sunday morning by 9:00 (Services begin 8:30). The children will receive the traditional greggers and hamantashan with the compliments of our Women's League.

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Taanis Esther March 15

The day before Purim is ordinarily observed as a minor fast day — the Fast of Esther — in commemoration of the fasting of the Jews who had come under the evil decree of Haman before their deliverance through Mordecai and Esther. However, when Purim falls on a Sunday — as it does this year — since we are not permitted to fast on the Sabbath, the fast is moved from its regular date on the calendar to the Thursday preceding Purim.

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Parshas Zachor

The Purim theme starts on the Saturday before Purim when we read in an additional Scroll of the Torah, "Zachor—Remember what Amalek did to you" (Deut. XXV:17-19), the description of the cowardly attack of the Amalekites against the Israelites in the desert. According to tradition, Haman was a descendant of the Amalekites.

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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Fri., March 9—Candles by5:38
Minchah5:45

Sat., March 10—Sedrah: Pekudei.....9:00
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Sanhedrin

Class (in English).....4:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Kesubos

Class (in Yiddish).....4:30

Minchah5:30

Seudah Shlishis

Host: Mr. David Tamor

Sabbath Terminates6:33

Week of March 11

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50

Minchah5:50

Thurs., March 15—TAANIS ESTHER

Morning Services and

Selichos6:30, 7:40

Minchah (Vayechal)5:35

Fri., March 16—Candles by5:45

Minchah5:50

Sat., March 17—Sedrah: Vayikra.....9:00

PARSHAS ZACHOR

Talmud Classes4:40

Minchah5:40

Sabbath Terminates6:40

MEGILLAH READING

Week of March 18

Sunday—PURIM7:00, 8:30

MEGILLAH READINGS

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50

Minchah5:55

Fri., March 23—Candles by5:53

Minchah6:00

Sat., March 24—Sedrah: Tzav.....9:00

PARSHAS PARAH

Talmud Classes4:45

Minchah5:45

Sabbath Terminates6:48

Week of March 25—Minchah6:05

Fri., March 30—Candles by.....6:00

Minchah6:05

MEN'S CLUB NOTES**BREAKFAST MEETINGS ON SUNDAYS, MARCH 11 & APRIL 1**

All members of the Men's Club as well as the prospective members are invited to the monthly Breakfast meetings on Sunday mornings, March 11th and April 1st, at 10:00 o'clock. Following the meetings all are invited to the Public Lecture (see page 1).

**WELCOME TO
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The Sedrah with Rabbi Reichel

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Saturday Afternoon Talmud Classes

See Prayer Schedule

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Sundays 9:00 A.M.

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Minchah5:50

Sabbath Terminates6:55

Week of April 1

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30

Tues.—ROSH CHODESH

NISAN6:30, 7:40

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50

Minchah6:10

Fri., April 6—Candles by.....6:08

Minchah6:10

Sat., April 7—Sedrah: Sazria9:00

Talmud Classes5:00

Minchah6:00

Sabbath Terminates7:03

Week of April 8—Minchah6:20



Samuel Schwartz

Our best wishes and thanks to Mr. Samuel Schwartz, who has faithfully served our Synagogue as Executive Director at great personal sacrifice for the past several years. We wish for him and his dear wife continued good health and happiness in their continued association with our Synagogue. Plans are being made to honor Mr. Schwartz in the near future in appreciation for the services he has rendered.

SHABBOS SHEKOLIM APPEAL

Our annual appeal was made on behalf of over thirty institutions of Torah in the Holy Land and in the United States. We urge all our readers to participate in this vital effort for the worthy and needy Yeshivos. The names of the donors will appear in the Review.

CONDOLENCES

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

Martin Klein — brother of our Trustee, Mr. Stephen Klein.

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You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on Monday, March 19th at 12:30 P.M. The program of the afternoon will be "AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES". Play any game that your heart desires. Bring as many friends as you wish. There will be fun and gifts and a most enjoyable afternoon for everyone. There is no admission charge. Purim refreshments will be served.

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PLANS FOR DONOR LUNCHEON ARE NOW COMPLETE

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 27th

PLACE: HOTEL BREWSTER, 21 West 86th St.

TIME: 12 NOON

GUEST OF HONOR: MRS. WILLIAM (MARTHA) HORWITZ

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Our thanks to Mesdames Herbert S. Goldstein, Celia Hyman, Max Koch and Pauline Sterkin for being wonderful hostesses at our last Board Meeting on March 5th.

We thank Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel for hosting our Open Meeting on February 26th.

A SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY

by Dr. Moses Auerbach
(12)

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

Among the many laws expressly designed against the Ashkenazic Jews, the most tragic were those which forbade them to own land. Thus the Jew was driven to money-lending and related activities. This furthered social hatred on the part of the Christian public which accused the Jews of extortionate usury. The political history of the Jews of the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries is one long tale of martyrdom only rarely interrupted by better times; driven out of England in 1290, decimated by the dreadful slaughter at the time of the Black Death in Germany and France (1348), killed by the thousands in Spain after the bloody days of Seville (1391), tortured and massacred everywhere in Germany.

Expulsion of the Jews from Spain: While the German Jews of the 15th century were accustomed to oppression and atrocities, the Spanish Jews could not yet believe that the good days were gone forever. The year 1481 destroyed all doubts that the wealth of many of the Marranos and high positions of state could save Spanish Jewry; this year saw the first of many horrible *auto-da-fés* organized by the vicious Torquemada and his henchmen. The persecution met its climax on Tishah b'Av in the year 1492 when 30,000 Jews were forced to leave Spain, most of them to meet a wretched fate. Their dispersion over the continent inaugurated the so-called "modern" period in the history of Western European Jewry.

The only land that gave promise of a

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Wednesday Night, March 14th**

permanent refuge was Turkey. Soon Constantinople contained 30,000 Jews while Saloniki blossomed and became practically a Spanish-Jewish city. Finally, after the comparative barrenness of almost a thousand years, a new Jewish community began to develop in the Holy Land. R. Joseph Caro (born 1488), in Safed, perpetuated the whole of Spanish *Talmud-Halachah* science in his great commentaries on the *Turim* of R. Jacob ben Asher and the *Mishneh Torah* of the Rambam. But his greatest work was the *Shulchan Aruch*, the authoritative compendium of all the *Halachah*. Through R. Isaac Luria, the "Ari" (born 1532), Safed also became the center for the study of *Kabbalah*.

Beginning with the end of the 15th century the stream of Jews returning to the Holy Land has never ceased to flow, although the strength of the current has changed with the times. Just as the persecutions in Russia at the end of the 19th century gave the first impetus to the wave of the Jews returning to the land of their fathers, so the expulsion from Spain was the real cause of European Jews again settling in Eretz Yisrael. What the enemies of the Jews had intended for their ruin, yielded to G-d's providential care for Israel.

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Welcome home from abroad to Trustee and Mrs. Martin Romerovski.

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Births

Ariane Nicole, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Elias Mamberg (Vivian is an alumna of our Hebrew School), and granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Heitlinger.

Tiffany Alexandra, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. James Herlands, and granddaughter of Mrs. William B. Herlands and Mrs. Gustav Stern.

Bar Mitzvah

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Kalker and grandson of our Trustee and Mrs. Leon Herman.

Engagements

Abraham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kalker, and grandson of our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Anna Langer, to Toby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Flax.

Bayla, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Michael Scholar and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hecht and Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Scholar, to Pinchas Mordechai, son of Mrs. Rosie Adler.

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APRIL 1 - 13

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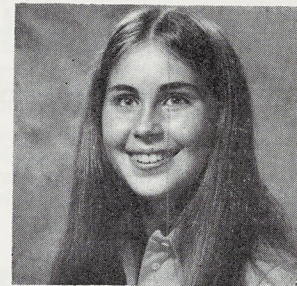
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