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YOM HASHOAH (Holocaust Day)

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THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 8:00 P.M.

at the W.S.I.S.

Guest Speaker: ZVI KOLITZ

Mr. Kolitz, born to a famous rabbinical family in Lithuania, came to the Holy Land prior to World War II where he was excitingly active in its political and literary life. He was co-producer of the Broadway play "The Deputy," and executive producer of the film, "First Circle," Aleksander Solzhenitzyn's Nobel Prize-winning novel, now being shown in New York.

YOM HAATZMAUT (Independence Day)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, 8:00 P.M.

at Lincoln Square Synagogue

**OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MAY 5, at 10:00
FOR THE ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND
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Every member and friend of our Synagogue has the grand opportunity to share in Israel's life-saving programs at our annual U.J.A. Breakfast.

Please advise our office (877-7652) that you will attend the Brunch in our Ballroom for which there will be no charge.

*Herman H. Cohen,
Breakfast Chairman*

*Abraham M. Druckman,
General Chairman*

STEPHEN TEXON AND NEIL SHICOFF

AT CONCERT IN OUR BUILDING

Sunday, June 2, at 3:00 P.M.

To be Presented with Youth Awards by our Men's Club

Stephen Texon, son of our members, Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon, and Neil Shicoff, son of Cantor Sidney Shicoff, will present a concert of great operatic arias and Jewish art songs on Sunday afternoon, June 2nd, at 3:00 P.M., in our Grand Ballroom. The proceeds of Israeli concert will go to the Israeli Soldiers Welfare Fund and to the W.S.I.S.

For the last two years Stephen Texon has been singing in the opera houses in the United States and Europe. His repertoire includes the great operatic baritone roles such as Germont in LA TRAVIATA,

Figaro in BARBER OF SEVILLE, Sharpless in MADAME BUTTERFLY and Escamillo in CARMEN.

Neil Shicoff inherited his father's golden tenor voice. On March 3rd the *New York Times* gave him a rave review for his singing the role of Rudolpho in LA BOHEME with the American Opera Center. He recently was awarded \$5,000 by the National Opera Institute. This past January he sang in a premiere performance of DEVORAK'S CANTATA SPECTRE'S BRIDE with the Rhode Island Symphony. His performance in Tchaikowsky's PIQUE DAME in Am-

sterdam will be broadcast throughout Europe in 1975.

The Annual Youth Concert Award was started by the Men's Club in 1966 with a concert by Itzhak Perlman.

Tickets for this year's Concert are available at the Synagogue office for \$10, \$5 and \$3.



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WSIS Prayer Schedule*Week of April 15*

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50

Minchah—Followed by Exposition

of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel7:25

Fri., April 19—Candles by7:21

*Minchah6:30

Count Omer 13 at Night

Sat., April 20 — Sedrah: Shemini

Blessings of New Chodesh

Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class8:30

Morning Services9:00

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Sanhedrin

Class (in English)6:20

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Shevuos

Class (in Yiddish)6:20

Minchah — Perek I7:20

Comments on the Pirkei Avos

by Rabbi Reichel

Sabbath Terminates8:19

Week of April 21

Sunday Morning8:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class9:00

Mon. & Tues. Mornings —

Rosh Chodesh Iyar6:30, 7:40

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50

Minchah7:30

Fri., April 26 — Candles by7:28

*Minchah6:30

Count Omer 20 at Night

Sat., April 27 — Sedros: Sazria-Mezorah

Sedrah Class: 8:30 Services: 9:00

Talmud Classes6:25

Minchah — Perek II7:25

Sabbath Terminates8:27

Week of April 28 — Minchah7:40*Fri., May 3 — Candles by*7:36

*Minchah6:30

Count Omer 27 at Night

Sat., May 4 — Sedros: Acharei-Kedoshim

Sedra Class: 8:30 Service: 9:00

Talmud Classes6:35

Minchah — Perek III7:35

Sabbath Terminates8:34

Week of May 5 — Minchah7:45

Monday — Pessach Sheni

MEN'S CLUB NOTES**BREAKFAST MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

Members and prospective members are cordially invited to our next Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, April 28, at 10:00 o'clock.



Israel's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren being presented by our Rabbi, Dr. O. Asher Reichel, with his recently published Hebrew volume on the life and letters of Rabbi Isaac Halevy. The presentation took place during our Rabbi's recent visit in Jerusalem.

LAG B'OMER FRIDAY, MAY 10

The 33rd day of the counting of the Omer is known as Lag (lamed = 30; gimel = 3) B'Omer, a minor holiday in the Jewish Calendar.

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

Though it is in the "Sefirah" period, weddings and haircuts are permitted on Lag B'Omer.

Fri., May 10 — Lag B'Omer

Kindle Candles Before7:43

*Minchah6:30

Count Omer 34 at Night

Sat., May 11 — Sedrah: Emor

Sedrah Class: 8:30 Service: 9:00

Talmud Classes6:40

Minchah — Perek IV7:40

Sabbath Terminates8:42

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

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NEWS

The hosts at the Board meeting on Wednesday, April 17th, will be Mr. and Mrs. Max Schwarz. One half hour before the meeting, at 8:00 P.M., Rabbi Reichel will lead in a discussion on gems in the current Sidrah.

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(To be continued)

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CONDOLENCES

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

David Frankel — brother of Mrs. Sol Redlich, our Women's League member.

Elsie Freeman — our Women's League Board member, mother of Mrs. Morton Neustadter.

Jack Grober — father of Mrs. Norman Grober and brother of Max Grober, our congregants.

Benjamin Michaels — husband of Mrs. Florence Michaels, our Women's League member.

Izak Nieweg — our congregant.

Henry Prestin — brother of our member, Irving Pristin.

The Annual Memorial Service

for the departed whose plaques are on the

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Co-Chairmen *Mmes. Irving Balmuth and Louis Shlansky* are getting to work to prepare a wonderful afternoon for you and your friends on *Tuesday, June 4th*, in the Grand Ballroom of our Synagogue. We are very pleased to announce that *Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein* will be our *Guest of Honor*. Your cooperation is needed to make this event a great success for our W.S.I.S. Children's Village in Israel.

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BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 22

Mesdames Ben Z. Cohen, Herbert S. Goldstein, Edward Jacobs and Simon Rivkin cordially invite the members of the *Executive Board* to be their guests at a LUNCHEON to be followed by a MEETING on *Monday, April 22nd* at 12:30 P.M. Please make every effort to attend.

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OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on *Monday, May 6th* at 12:30 P.M. Coffee and cake will be served. We are preparing a very interesting program for that afternoon so please attend and bring your friends — further details in the mail.

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Many thanks to *Mrs. Max Koch, Chairman*, and *Mrs. Sidney Krampf, Co-Chairman*, for their efforts in the successful Passover Fund drive.

A SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY

by *Dr. Moses Auerbach*
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The French Revolution: On September 27, 1791, the French National Assembly granted unconditional rights of citizenship to the Jews of France. Within the space of a few generations the influence of the French Revolution upon the whole of Europe resulted in the granting of equal civil rights to the Jews of Western and Central Europe. The Jew now became a full-fledged citizen. A new era of Jewish history was inaugurated.

As fortunate as this turn of events was from the standpoint of political and social position, just so dangerous did it prove from the viewpoint of religion. The many centuries of suppression had exercised a pressure from without that formed a united whole from within. Now the existence of Judaism was threatened by a new and more dangerous foe — assimilation.

Aufklaerung: The Mendelssohnian period had loosened the foundations of Jewish life in Germany. The leadership of the Jewish communities gradually changed hands from the Rabbis to a small class of Jews of high social and financial position. The majority of these were under the influence of the so-called *Aufklaerung* ("enlightenment"). Their ideal was the nearest possible imitation of what was being done in Christian society. Eventually many of them submitted to baptism and submerged fully into Christian-German culture, thus freeing the

Jewish people from their misleading influence. These deserters, relatively few, had actually been of little importance to the development of German Judaism aside from the fact that their estrangement from Judaism served as a warning example to others.

The problem of assimilation now became the burning question. With the breakdown of those ghetto walls, many of the youth streamed towards non-Jewish environments as *Gymnasiasten und Studenten*. Their parents, who were accustomed to a different mode of life, were not prepared to advise and guide them in resolving their religious conflicts. Many found their way in the emerging radical reform movement.

The Reform Movement: The reformers had the idea that by adapting the forms of worship used by Christian cults to Jewish ritual they would beautify the latter and win back to their fold those who had strayed from it. Because of their profound lack of Jewish knowledge, they dared to cut out portions of G-d's laws which seemed obsolete to them, thus hoping to save that which they considered essential. They contended that it was their fundamental right to make changes in G-d's law in accordance with the progress of time. Naturally, this self-assured right implied a complete denial, or questioning, of the divine origin of the Torah. Thus did the reform movement attempt to shake the foundations of Judaism. With the exception of the advent of Karaism, so deeply rooted a conflict had not divided the Jewish people since the struggles between the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

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The Annual Dinner of the *Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America* will take place at the New York Hilton Hotel on Sunday, May 19th. For reservations call 725-3400.

Trustee Fred Ehrman will be honored with the President's Award.

KARATE, ANYONE?

A Karate class is conducted in our building on Sundays from 12:00 - 2:00 and on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 7:00, by Arthur Gribetz, a brown-belt in Shorin Ji Kempo — Chinese-style Karate. This course is under the auspices of Haim Sober, First Level Grand Master, red and black belt, who teaches at Yeshiva University. Karate is in itself an art — with "Kata," dance-like art forms — as well as a means of self-defense. It is also an excellent form of exercise for men, women and children.

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Our Purim services were all the more festive with the participation of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers. The Purim Party following the reading of the *megillah* likewise added to our *simchah*. Congregational thanks to the Committee that took care of all the arrangements and details: Mmes. William E. Gold, Fred Goldstein, Sam Gursky, O. Asher Reichel, Rose Schwager, Eugene Ten Brink, David Waters, and Mr. Gerard Benjamin.

Our thanks also to Mrs. William E. Gold and Mrs. David Waters for their assistance in the Synagogue office.

Our Trustee, Dr. Irwin Smigel, a prominent dentist, was recently interviewed on the night-long radio discussion program of Long John Nebel — Candy Jones (WMCA) on the subject of Aesthetic Dentistry. By popular request it was also re-broadcast.

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Birth of:

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