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THE JEWISH LEAP YEAR 5736 WELCOMES 2 ADARS

BACKGROUND OF JEWISH CALENDAR

The two great luminaries placed by G-d in the firmament of the heaven on the fourth day of creation, are the foundation for the calculation of days, months and years. As it is written: "And they shall be for signs, for seasons, for days and years" (Genesis I).

The sun is the foundation for the counting of years, since in addition to its daily rotation, it also has a yearly rotation. The moon is the foundation only for the counting of months. The time that passes from one appearance of a new moon till its reappearance, constitutes one month.

The solar year consists of 365 days and 6 hours. The lunar month however, consists of 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, and 3 and 1/3 seconds. Multiply the lunar month by 12, and you have 354 days, 8 hours, 48 minutes and 40 seconds. Hence, 12 lunar months add up to a period of time which is less than the solar year by 10 days, 21 hours, 11 minutes and 20 seconds.

When the Torah commanded the people of Israel to sanctify the months (Exodus 12), it also commanded: "Observe the month of spring and you shall make a Passover unto the L-d your G-d'' (Deuteronomy XVI)—that is to say simultaneously with our fixing of the months in accord with the lunar molad we are also to make certain that the month of Nisan should always occur in the spring season of the solar month. How then can we reconcile these two requirements? If we were to calculate our years on the basis of 12 lunar months, we would fall behind each solar year to the extent of somewhat less than 11 days. If we were to base our year on 13 lunar months, we would be ahead of each solar year, by some 22 days.

It was therefore commanded as a "law unto Moshe from Sinai," that we should intercalate years: some of our years should be regular years, consisting of 12 months; and our intercalated years should consist of 13 months.

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Minchah	5:20
Sat., Feb. 14—Sedrah: Tezaveh	
Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class	8:30
Morning Services	9:00
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Succah	
Class (in English)	4:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Avodah Zarah	
Class (in Yiddish)	
Minchah	5:00
Seudah Shlishis	
Sabbath Terminates	6:06
Week of Feb. 15	
Sun. & Mon. Mornings	8:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	
Daily Mornings 6:45,	7:50
Minchah—Follwed by Exposition	
of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel	5:20
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Minchah	5:25
Sat., Feb. 21—Sedrah: Kee Sisa	
Sedrah Class 8:30/Services	9:00
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*Those who usher in the Sabbath with the Congregation at an early hour should recite the *Shema* paragraphs at night.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

MEN'S CLUB SABBATH FEBRUARY 21 HILLEL GROSS GUEST SPEAKER

On Men's Club Sabbath our members will again have the opportunity to apply their talents in leading the Services. Samuel Gursky will be Cantor for *Kabolas Shabbos*; Dr. Arthur H. Hecht will chant *Psukei Dzimrah*; Benjamin Etzkowitz will be Cantor Shacharis; Bruno Bayer will chant *Maftir*; and Isaiah O. Zucker will be Cantor for *Musaf*. The guest speaker will be Hillel Gross, Political Analyst and Columnist for the Jewish Press, the popular Anglo-Jewish weekly newspaper. He is an attorney and insurance executive.

The Men's Club will tender a Kiddush to the entire Congregation following the morning services and will be the hosts at the Seudah Shlishis, which will be addressed by Herman H. Cohen.



DR. FRANK E. FINK Chairman of Arrangements

BREAKFAST MEETING SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22

All members of the Men's Club as well as prospective members are invited to the opening Breakfast Meeting of the season on Sunday morning, February 22nd, at 10:00 o'clock.

SHABBOS SHEKOLIM

Saturday, February 28th, marks the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover Festival. This day is known as Shabbos Shekolim and falls on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar II in a leap year.

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. The special Torah reading, *Parshah*, 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 services (Exodus XXX: 11-16).

Although the Holy Temple in Jerusalem is destroyed, we Jews in the course of our checkered history have never lost faith in its ultimate restoration. Thus we have never ceased our offerings of *shekels* in every generation for the maintenance of Torah institutions and our creative efforts for the sake of our Torah ideals.

No wonder that the public reading of *Parshas Shekolim* has special significance for us as we look forward to the day when it will again be resumed in its complete observance.

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MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NEWS

The hosts at the Board meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, will be Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Benjamin. One half hour before the meeting, at 8 P.M., Rabbi Reichel will lead in a discussion on gems in the current Sedrah.

THE TWO ADARS

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After several regular years pass and the differential of days between them and the solar years adds up to approximately one month, we add another month before Nisan in order that Nisan might always fall in the spring and that it might never fall at a greater distance from its proper time than 20 odd days.

Why is the month of Adar alone used for a leap year? For in speaking of Pesach the Torah stated: "Observe the month of spring." The month which immediately precedes Nisan was therefore intercalated to form a leap year.

Why is Purim observed during a leap year, the second Adar? Since the year of Haman's decree was a leap year and it occurred during the second Adar we place "one redemption adjacent to another" — the redemption of Esther to the redemption from Egypt.

All the laws which apply to the month of Adar during a regular year, apply to the second month of Adar during a leap year. Purim and the special Parshiot are then observed in the second Adar.

It is also customary to observe the fourteenth and the fifteenth days of the first Adar with some festive spirit; Tachanun being omitted, as are fasting or eulogies. (This year they fall on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 15 and 16.)

From THE BOOK OF OUR HERITAGE by Eliyahu Kitov

For one who died in a regular Adar, the yahrzeit is observed twice — with kaddish priorities and fasting in Adar I and with kaddish in Adar II; for one who died in a leap year, only one day is observed.

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

DONOR LUNCHEON TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 9

GUESTS OF HONOR







MRS. SAMUEL GURSKY



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The members of our Women's League and their friends are cordially invited to our gala DONOR LUNCHEON to be held at THE ESPLANADE, 305 West End Avenue, at 12:00 noon on TUESDAY, March 9th. Donation admission \$20.00.

We are very happy to have as our GUESTS OF HONOR: MRS. WILLIAM GOLD and MRS. SAMUEL GURSKY. Both of these lovely ladies are members of our Executive Board and can be counted upon for all our projects. Lucy Gold has been our Membership Co-Chairman and is on instant call when needed for special office projects. We appreciate her wonderful spirit of cooperation and friendship. Betty Gursky is not only actively involved in our Women's League, but as Mr. & Mrs. League President she excels in coordinating Synagogue events as dynamic Co-Chairman of our Annual Bazaar and Purim Party. We know that you will all like to congratulate them at the Luncheon and they look forward to greeting you.

Chairman Jeannette Jacobs, Luncheon Treasurer Anne Soffer, Raffle Book Chairman Kate Goodman, and their Committees are hard at work to make this Donor Luncheon the best we have ever had. The Subscription Books are available in our office. The books are made up of twenty one-dollar donations for U.S. Savings Bonds. With the completion of a book you are invited to be our guest at this function. Sell more than one and invite a guest!!! Please make your reservations now by calling 877-7652.

OPEN MEETING ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 32

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an Open Meeting on Monday, February 23rd at 12:30 P.M. The guest speaker will be our own MRS. MAURICE (SALLY) GOODGOLD, Vice-Chairman of local Planning Board 7, which encompasses the West Side from 59th to 110th Streets. Her topic will be: "What Does the Planning Board Do?—What Can the Local Citizen Do?". Besides this most interesting program, very important plans will be discussed for our forthcoming Donor Luncheon. Coffee and cake will be served.

THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE

Some facts concerning the geographical region known as Palestine.

(a) Historically, geographically and ethnically, Jordan is part of Palestine. Both the West and the East Banks of the Jordan River are parts of the Land of Israel, or Palestine, in which - under the terms of the League of Nations Mandate assigned to Britain on July 24, 1922 — a national home was to be established for the Jewish people on the basis of the League's 'recognition... given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country.'

(b) Most Palestinian Arabs continue to live in a Palestinian State (Jordan). The vast majority, moreover, are citizens of that Palestinian State, including the Arab population of Judea-Samaria (the West Bank), now under Israeli administration.

(c) It is, therefore, false to allege that the Palestinian Arabs have been "deprived of a State of their own," or that they have been "uprooted from their homeland."

Israel is convinced that this problem can and must find a just and fair solution in the context of negotiations between Israel and Jordan, which itself is part of Palestine, and which can add to its delegation certain Palestinians who live in the area. Israel's official recognition of the existence of the problem of an Arab Palestinian identity is a matter of record. Clearly, those who recognize the P.L.O., or who, in one way or another, lend it their support and encouragement, as the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council have done; in effect lend support to the P.L.O.'s central aim of replacing the State of Israel with a P.L.O.-run Arab State.

We are grateful to America for her understanding and support of Israel in the Security Council.

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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:

Anna Aronow—our Women's League member, mother of Joseph Aronow.

Esther Cohen—sister of our Trustee and Men's Club member Carl Grossberg.

Tillie Davidson-our donor.

Samuel Greene—father of our member Irving A. Greene.

Getie Klar—mother of our member Mrs.
Monroe Gaines, and Minna Kaufman.

Gladys Novick—daughter of our members Mr. & Mrs. David S. Elkins, our Women's League member.

Irving Shapiro—brother of our member Benjamin Shapiro.

GETTING PERSONAL

On Shabbos Yisro we were honored to have Dr. Chaim Brawer of Bar Ilan University in Israel, address our Congregation.

Congratulations to Rebbetzin O. Asher Reichel who was awarded the degree of Master of Science in Nutrition from Hunter College. The degree was achieved over the past few years during which time she did not neglect her many communal responsibilities.

Among our recent Kiddush hosts were Mr. & Mrs. Herman H. Cohen in honor of their anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Gursky in honor of their new grandson David Falchick, and Mr. & Mrs. Lipa Silberstein in commemoration of a Yahrzeit. Among our Seudah Shlishis hosts were Julius Schreiber and Lipa Silberstein.

Welcome home from abroad to Jakob Rath. Mr. & Mrs. David Rudnick, Harry Ward, and Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Werblud.

MAZAL TOV

Births

Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Olovitz and grandson of our member Jakob Rath, in Australia.

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Amy Tara, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Stern

Bas Mitzvah

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