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*Join Our Succos Services
Beginning Friday Eve, Oct. 5*

THE SUCCAH

The Succah consists of three or four walls and special covering (*sechach*). All materials are proper for the walls of the Succah provided that they are capable of withstanding a normal wind. The *sechach* is limited to that which grows but is detached from the soil, such as severed tree branches, strips of wood, bamboo and straw. The materials, however, must never have acquired the status of utensils. Nor are edibles permissible.

The *sechach* should be applied after the walls are in place. A Succah built under a tree whose branches cover it, or under a permanent cover, is invalid.

The Succah should be decorated.

Talmud Tractate Succah
treats all aspects of the festival.

THE FOUR SPECIES

The preferred manner of performing the mitzvah is to wave the lulav in all six directions: four horizontal and upwards and downwards; each waving consisting of three movements to and fro.

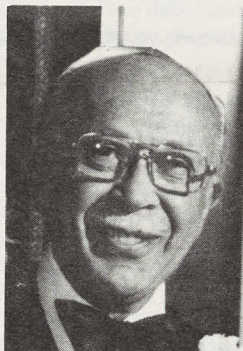
The meaning of these *na'anu'im* (wavings) is given in the Talmud: "One waves them to and fro to Him who owns the four directions; up and down, to Him who owns heaven and earth. That is to say; the four species are all an allusion to G-d's having created all existence, and that there is naught besides Him. One waves them to and fro in order to restrain harmful winds; up and down, in order to restrain harmful dews." Succos is the time of judgment for water and rain for the entire year and the four species give symbolic expression to our prayers for the blessing of water (the esrog needs more water than other fruits of the tree; palm branches grow in valleys which have an abundance of water; myrtles and willows grow near water).

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SEASON'S FIRST KIDDUSH

Many thanks to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers, for being the hosts at the first Kiddush of the season on Saturday, October 27th. Our congregants are likewise urged to host or co-host a Kiddush or a Seudah Shlishis.

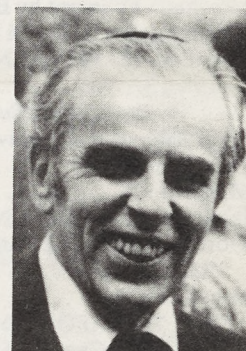
OUR HONORED CHASSANIM FOR SIMCHAS TORAH Chassanim Party on Saturday, October 27



Bennett Carter



Otto Heitlinger



Max Schwarz

Our Trustee Bennett Carter, the *Chassan Torah*, will be called to the closing *aliyah* of the Torah. Mr. Otto Heitlinger, a member of our Advisory Board, the *Chassan Brayshis*, will be called for the first *aliyah* in *Genesis*. Mr. Max Schwarz, a member of our Advisory Board and husband of the Succah Decorating Committee Co-Chairman will be *Chassan Maftir*. He will chant the *Haftorah* from the Book of *Joshua*.

The Chassanim will be the hosts of a festive Seudah Shlishis on Saturday, October 27th, following Minchah at 4:40 o'clock. All our congregants, men and women, are welcome.

PUBLIC LECTURE — ALL WELCOME
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, at 11:15 A.M.

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MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NEWS

The Succah Supper Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, October 10th.

The hosts at the Board meeting on Wednesday, November 14th will be Mr. and Mrs. Max Schwarz.

One half hour before the meeting, at 8 P.M., Rabbi Reichel will lead a discussion on gems in the current Sedrah.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS IN OUR SYNAGOGUE

Pupils of the neighboring Public Schools gather in our Synagogue on Wednesdays at 2:00 o'clock for an hour of Jewish studies under the auspices of the Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education.

For further information, call Rabbi Reichel.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 5 - Erev Succos
 Light Candles Before 6:15
 Minchah 6:25
Kiddush in Succah All Yom Tov
 Saturday, Oct. 6 - SUCCOS I 9:00
 Minchah 6:10
 Light Festival Candles After 7:06
 Sunday, Oct. 7 - SUCCOS II 9:00
 Rabbi Reichel's Talmud *Pesachim*
 Class (in English) 5:15
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud *Baba Basra*
 Class (in Yiddish) 5:15
 Minchah 6:15
 Festival Ends 7:05
 Monday to Thursday - CHOL HAMOED
Breakfast in Succah
 Morning 6:30, 7:40
 Minchah - Followed by Exposition
 of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel . . . 6:15
 Friday, Oct. 12 - HOSHANA RABBAH
 Morning Services 6:15, 7:15
Breakfast in Succah
 Light Sabbath and Festival
 Candles Before 6:03
 Minchah 6:10
 Saturday, Oct. 13 - SHMINI ATZERES
 Morning - KOHELES and
 YIZKOR 8:40
 Minchah 6:00
 HAKAFOS at Maariv
 Light Festival Candles After
 Sabbath Ends 6:54
 Sunday, Oct. 14 - SIMCHAS TORAH
 Morning - HAKAFOS 8:50
 Rabbi & Mrs. Reichel's At Home
 Minchah 6:10
 Festival Ends 6:52
 Week of Oct. 15 - Minchah 6:00
 Fri., Oct. 19 - Candles by 5:53
 Minchah 6:00
 Saturday, Oct. 20 - Sedrah: *Brayshis*
 Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class 8:30
 Morning Service 9:00
Blessing of New Chodesh
 Minchah 4:40
 Chassanim Seudah Shlishis
 Sabbath Ends 6:45
 Week of October 21
 Sunday Morning - ROSH CHODESH
 CHESHVAN 8:15
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 9:00
 Monday - ROSH CHODESH . 6:30, 7:40
 Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:50
 Minchah 5:50
 Fri., Oct. 26 - Candles by 5:43
 Minchah 5:50
 Saturday, Oct. 27 - Sedrah: *Noach*
 Sedrah Class 8:30/Service 9:00
 Talmud Classes 4:30
 Minchah 5:30
 Seudah Shlishis
 Sabbath Ends 6:36
TURN CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR
 Week of Oct. 28 - Minchah 4:45

Beginning with Standard Time Kree'as Shma should be recited before 9 a.m. — before the Saturday morning service.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

BREAKFAST MEETING SUNDAY, OCT. 28

Members and prospective members of the Men's Club are invited to the monthly Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, Oct. 28th, at 10:00 o'clock. A public lecture will follow (see page 1).

Rabbi Dr. and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel

cordially invite

all members and Congregants

to the

ANNUAL SIMCHAS TORAH RECEPTION

Sunday, Oct. 14, 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock

at their home—230 West 79th Street

CHILDREN INVITED TO SIMCHAS TORAH SERVICES

**Saturday Night, October 13
 and Sunday Morning, October 14**

The children who are always welcome in our Synagogue are our special guests on this night. They will receive special Simchas Torah flags which they will carry during the *hakafo*s (Torah processions). They will also be presented with sweets with the compliments of our Women's League.

YOUNG COUPLES CLUB SHABBATON OCTOBER 27

Our young marrieds will have their first Shabbaton Luncheon of the season on Saturday, October 27th at noon. We will have an interesting speaker on a lively topic with the members' participation. Paid reservations should reach the Synagogue office by October 22nd (\$5.00 per person, \$3.00 per child).

For further details call Mrs. Trude Zimmermann at 595-6921.

Fri., Nov. 2 - Candles by 4:34
 Minchah 4:40
 Sat., Nov. 3 - Sedrah: *Lech Lecha*
 Sedrah Class 8:30/Service 9:00
 Talmud Classes 3:25
 Minchah 4:25
 Sabbath Ends 5:28
 Week of Nov. 4 - Minchah 4:35
 Fri., Nov. 9 - Candles by 4:26
 Minchah 4:35
 Sat., Nov. 10 - Sedrah: *Vayera*
 Sedrah Class 8:30/Service 9:00
 Talmud Classes 3:15
 Minchah 4:15
 Sabbath Ends 5:20

In regard to the times listed for lighting the candles and the terminations of the Sabbath, we should be aware of the Talmudic dictum: "At its entrance, the earlier we can make it the better, but at its exit, the longer we can defer it the better.. we add from the profane on to the holy."

Welcome to our Classes

Saturdays, 8:30 A.M.

The Sedrah with Rabbi Reichel

Saturday Afternoon Talmud Classes

See Prayer Schedule

Sundays 9:00 A.M.

Talmud with Rabbi Pekier

Daily Mornings after Services

Mishnah with Rabbis Reichel & Pekier

Daily between Minchah & Maariv

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If you wish to have Memorial Prayers recited for your dear ones on Shmini Atzeres, please fill out the form below and mail it to our office:

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REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Mmes. Bertha Koch, Ida Shlansky, Anne Soffer and Jen Yabrow cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a *Luncheon* to be followed by a *Meeting* on Monday, October 22nd at 12:30 P.M. Please make every effort to attend.

DR. BIRNBAUM AT OPEN MEETING, MONDAY, NOV. 5

Our *Open Meeting* on Monday, November 5th at 12:30 P.M., will feature the noted scholar and author, *Dr. Philip Birnbaum*, who will speak on "The Structure of the Bible." Mrs. Morris Segerman, our Co-President, will be the hostess. All members and prospective members are invited to attend this special event.

Our Women's League will again defray the expenses for the decoration of our Succah as well as the Kiddush and Motzi for the entire congregation during the Yomim Tovim. Offerings for the Succah Fund may be sent to the Women's League.

Our sincere thanks to Chairman Pauline Krampf for conducting our *Succah Fund Drive*.

THE FOUR SPECIES (continued)

The Sages have decreed that the *mitzvah* of the four species should not be performed on the Sabbath, even if the first day of the festival falls on the Sabbath, lest one come thereby to violate the prohibition of carrying in a public domain on the Sabbath.

The *mitzvah* of lulav applies only by day and not by night.

Hoshana

After Hallel is said during the days of Succos or after *musaf*, depending on local custom, a Torah scroll is taken out of the Ark and brought to the *bimah* (pulpit). The cantor and the congregation say aloud: "*Hoshana*" four times as indicated in the prayer books. Afterwards a prescribed prayer is said each day; each of these prayers follows the alphabetical order. Simultaneously the entire congregation circles the *bimah* with esrog and lulav in hand. During the first six festival days, there is one *haka-fah* (circling) while on Hoshana Rabbah (the last day of Succos) there are seven *hakafos*.

This custom recalls the Sanctuary where the Cohanim encircled the altar with praise and joy once each day and seven times on Hoshana Rabbah.

Hoshana Rabbah

Hoshana Rabbah is the last day for the observance of the four species and succah (in the Diaspora customs vary with reference to the *mitzvah* of Succah also on Shmini Atzeres). It is called Hoshana Rabbah ("rabbah"—numerous), since more *hoshanos* are said on this day than on all the previous days of the festival.

It was a custom of the Prophets (Chagai, Zechariah and Malachi) to take an aravah, to recite a special prayer over it, and then beat it on the ground. Unlike other Rabbinic commandments over which a blessing is recited, no blessing is recited over the aravah.

The aravah which is taken on that day

after the esrog and lulav are set aside also alludes to prayer. As we put aside the four species we say: We possess neither the taste of Torah, nor the fragrance of *mitzvah*, neither the esrog nor the lulav, nor the hadas—we are all like this aravah. What then do we have? Only mouths with which to pray like this aravah similar to a mouth.

It is customary to stay awake all night and to say *Tikun* from the book of *Dvarim*, the *Tehilim*, and to "unite" the night and the day through Torah and prayer.

The Prayer For Rain

"During the Succos Festival there is judgment over water." Thus it would have been proper to mention rain (*Mashiv haruach umorid hagashem*) on the first day of the Festival. Nevertheless we do not explicitly pray for rain before Shmini Atzeres.

The Sages explain that the fall of rain during the Festival would prevent the fulfillment of the *mitzvah* of Succah. For this reason rain is not mentioned until the people of Israel have left their Succos and reentered their homes.

From THE BOOK OF OUR HERITAGE by Eliyahu Kitov

CONDOLENCES

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

Jen Cohen—our Women's League Hon. Vice-President, wife of Ben Z. Cohen.

Emanuel Geselevitsh—our member, husband of Mrs. Erna Korner-Geselevitsh.

Sheldon Kalker—husband of Mrs. Miriam Kalker and son-in-law of our member Mrs. Leon Herman.

Dorothy B. Soll—our Women's League Hon. Vice-President, mother of Lawrence.

Fae Stein—member of our Synagogue and Mr. & Mrs. League, wife of Arthur R. Stein and mother of Dianne.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Among our ardent Bazaar workers listed in our last issue there should have been included Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Benjamin.

Another correction: Carolyn Susan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Schwartz, is entering Harvard University Law School.

Best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Martin Foont in their new home.

There are some people who are away from the Synagogue on the High Holy Days. However, they should not forget their obligations to their Synagogue for the seat they occupied throughout the year and their Yom Kippur pledge.

FROM THE YAVNEH FAMILY

Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh and children wish to thank the Congregation for their many kind expressions of condolences and thoughtful words and gifts.

May the New Year bring health and joy to all.

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NEW YEAR WERE
RECEIVED ALSO FROM
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Happy Birthday to:

(Oct. 13-31)

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(Nov. 1-9)

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Anniversary Greetings to the:

(Oct. 13-31)

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(Nov. 1-9)

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If you are "not yet" a member, please do not delay any longer and let us hear from you.

We also urge our congregants to take advantage of our dynamic auxiliary organizations. May we suggest that this autumn our readers resolve to attend the functions as guests—we believe that if they "will taste they will like."

Men's Club: Monthly Sunday breakfast meetings. Co-sponsors varied programs.

Women's League: Monthly programs, meeting Mondays at noon and monthly Board luncheons. Co-sponsors varied events.

Mr. & Mrs. League: Monthly social and cultural evenings. Co-sponsors varied activities.

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