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PRAYER SCHEDULE

"TAL UMATAR"
AS OF TUESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 4

WEEK OI NOV. II	
Sunday Morning	.8:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	.9:00
Daily Mornings6:45,	7:50
Minchah — Followed by Exposition	n
of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel	.4:30
Fri., Nov. 16 — Candles by	.4:20
Minchah	. 4:30

Sat., Nov. 17 — Sedrah: Chayei Sarah
Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class......8:30
Morning Service.........9:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Baba
Basra Class (in Yiddish).....3:20
Minchah......4:10

 Sun. & Thurs. Mornings
 8:30

 Daily Mornings
 6:45, 7:50

 Tues. & Wed. — Rosh Chodesh
 6:30, 7:40

 Minchah
 4:25

 Fri. Nov. 23 — Candles by
 4:15

 Fri., Nov. 23 — Candles by
 4:15

 Minchah
 4:25

 Sat., Nov. 24 — Sedrah: Toledos
 9:00

 Talmud Classes
 3:20

 Minchah
 4:05

 Sabbath Ends
 5:12

 Week of Nov. 25 — Minchah
 4:20

 Fri., Nov. 30 — Candles by
 4:12

 Minchah
 4:20

 Sat. Dec. 1 — Sedrah: Vaveitzei

 Sedrah Class
 8:30 / Service
 9:00

 Talmud Classes
 3:20

 Minchah
 4:00

 Sabbath Ends
 5:08

 Week of Dec. 9 — Minchah
 4:20

 Fri., Dec. 14 — Kindle

Fri., Dec. 14 — Kindle
Chanukah Candle before
Sabbath Candles by......4:11

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, November 18 at 11:15 A.M.

TOPIC: "SIMPLE ESTATE PLANNING"
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Sunday, December 9 at 11:15 A.M.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

Rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and Principal of Ramaz School

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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.

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MISHNAH SIYUM SUNDAY MORNING DEC. 2



Rabbi Moishe C. Pekier

After eight and a half years of diligent study following the daily early morning service, Rabbi Pekier's Mishnah Class will celebrate the completion of the "Six Sections of the Mishnah" on Sunday morning, December 2nd, at 9:00 at a breakfast. Rabbi Pekier will deliver the hadron, the closing Talmudical discourse.

On the Arrangements Committee are Messrs. Sam Gershon, Harold Kaplan, Eli Perlo, Marcel Parsons and Abraham Schneider.

YOMIM TOVIM AT THE WSIS

Congregational Citations of Merit and Thanks to our members who assisted at our High Holy Day services in so many ways. Highlighting the services were the shofar notes sounded by Nash Aussenberg; Cantorial assistants Benjamin Etzkowitz, Rabbi Aaron I. Reichel, and Samuel Schwarzman; ushers Alan Brown, Bennett Carter, Alexander Dimant, Dr. Frank E. Fink, Alfred Florsheim, Philip Gelman, Ned Kirsh, Sidney Krampf, Benjamin Miller, and Alexander Rauchman; and special participation by Ben Glazer and Samuel Gursky.

Our Succah again this year rated among the finest in our community for its inspiring beauty. Congregational gratitude to the Mr. & Mrs. League Succah Committee under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Maurice Goodgold and Mrs. Max Schwarz, and to their dedicated co-workers, Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Benjamin, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Bitner, Alan Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Florsheim, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Gursky, Fred Heiser, Mrs. Lilly Hoff, Rabbi & Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Rabbi Aaron I. Reichel, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Rudnick, Max Schwarz and son Joseph, Samuel Schwarzman, Mrs. Eugene Ten Brink, and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Zimmern. Our thanks to the Women's League for supplying the wherewithal for the decorations as well as the refreshments for kiddush and to Lou G. Siegel's Restuarant for the kiddush rolls.

A special vote of appreciation to Mrs. Sidney Krampf who took personal charge of the *kiddush* during the entire Yom Tov, assisted by Mrs. Samuel Gursky, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel and Mrs. Abraham Schneider. Also helping were Alan Brown, Bennett Carter, Paul Foont and sons Larry and Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Florsheim, Ned Kirsh, Sidney Krampf, Benjamin Miller, Mrs. Max Redisch, Mrs. Itchak Silverman, Marc Sonnenschein, and Mrs. Peggy Tepper.

Checks for the Yizkor Apeal may be made payable to "Homes for Children in Israel" and mailed to our office.

The annual reception for our Congregational Family on Simchas Torah at the home of our Rabbi Dr. & Mrs. O. Asher Reichel was indeed another festive highlight.

The Yomim Tovim celebrations came to an impressive conclusion on Shabbos Breishis when our Simchas Torah Chassanim, Bennett Carter, Otto Heitlinger and Max Schwarz, and their wives, were the hosts at the festive Seudah Shlishis.

We hope to see ever growing numbers of our congregants at our forthcoming events which are announced in the columns of the REVIEW.

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MEN'S CLUB NOTES

BREAKFAST MEETINGS ON SUNDAYS NOV. 18 AND DEC. 9

Members and prospective members of the Men's Club are urged to attend the monthly Breakfast Meetings on November 18th and December 9th, at 10:00. Public lectures will follow.

The Men's Club will host the Kiddush on Saturday, November 17th, when blessings for the new Chodesh are recited.

EXCERPTS FROM FAMILY PAGE OF N.Y. TIMES:

"DESPITE OPPOSITION,

JEWISH RITUAL OF THE

MIKVAH IS REVITALIZED"

There is probably no Jewish institution more shrouded in mystery, superstition, misunderstanding and stereotype than the mikvah.

Even though it is considered so crucial to the Jewish community that the construction of the ritual bath takes priority over that of the synagogue, the mikvah has been regarded variously as archaic, unnecessary, irrelevant and even absurd. Now, without fanfare or theological pressure, the mikvah and its demanding code of behavior, known as the laws of family purity, are undergoing a renaissance.

The resurgence cannot be documented by numbers, for attendance is considered a private matter. But it is apparent in the proliferation of seminars and lectures on the subject and in tours of mikva'ot (the plural of mikvah). The National Conference of Synagogue Youth of the U.O.J.C.A. has received sufficient demand for information to publish a book entitled the "Waters of Eden." Old mikva'ot in the cities are being renovated, new ones in the suburbs have been built or are on the drawing boards.

Rabbis and Jewish scholars attribute the trend to a variety of factors. But mainly they agree that it is indivisible from the general intensification of Judaism in this country, also evident in increasing numbers of day schools and yeshivas and the strengthening of Jewish education for young girls. In addition, it stems from increased pride in a disillusioned young generation for new moral standards.

Basically, the code of family purity mandates that a couple refrain from all physical contact (even holding hands) from the onset of the wife's menstrual period until seven days after the bleeding has ceased. Then she is to bathe her body and hair thoroughly, cut her fingernails so that they cannot hide a vestige of dirt and remove all foreign objects such as jewelry and bandages.

Finally, she must totally immerse herself three times in the mikvah while reciting a special prayer. The mikvah, itself built to rigid specifications, looks like a deep square bathtub with steps and contains water about four feet deep from a natural source such as rain. With immersion, the woman is considered purified and renewed.

She is also commanded to go to the mikvah just prior to her marriage, after miscarriage and after giving birth as well as on all occasions of blood appearance. The mikvah is also crucial to the conversion process. In addition, Jews are commanded to submerge cetain utensils in mikvahs reserved for that purpose.

Ritual cleanliness, Biblically ordained, Jewish scholars explain, has no connection with physical uncleanliness, and there is no English word that precisly captures its meaning. The significance underlying the clearly delineated rules also resists easy explanation, but it is said that the rite is intended to give G-d's sanctification to the physical relationship to elevate the sexual act to a holy plane. In fact, many of the women who commit themselves to the ancient decree regard it as insurance against marital boredom and dissension, a benefit originally described in the Talmud.

Attendance at the mikvah would not be growing if it were not for its attraction to a breed of young women brought up outside the strict confines of orthodoxy. And no one more clearly personifies the new mikvah adherent than a 32-year-old mother of three.

"According to the American dream we should have been happy, but still we felt something was missing," she recalled. By chance they happened to hear Esther Jungreis, the charismatic founder of Hineni, a Jewish educational movement. "Finally all our questions were answered," she said. "Two years ago we went to Israel with her and for the first time lived a Jewish life. When I went to the mikvah in Jerusalem, I felt as if I had been reborn, as if I were a new bride... During the time of physical separation we have strengthened the other aspects of our relationship. Its benefits are uncountable."

Mrs. G. had had a hysterectomy before she went for the first time (women who no longer menstruate go only once afterwards). But when faced with the prospect of serious surgery last year, she said, "I felt the need to turn to G-d. And I felt that I had to go to the mikvah just once for all the times I was remiss in my life."

Just as several newlywed women interviewed had said, she recalled: "When I walked out, I felt purified and sanctified. I have had a wonderful marriage, I have had excitement and glamour, but I wish I had observed this law. It is observance of G-d's will."

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All members who have paid their dues are cordially invited to our *Annual Membership Luncheon* on Monday, November 19th at 12:30 P.M. in the Synagogue Grand Ballroom. This will be a most enjoyable afternoon for all so be sure and pay your dues and make your reservations. You may invite prospective members and guests for the nominal donation of \$7.00 per person.

BOARD MEETING MONDAY, DEC. 3

Mmes. Ruth Braff, Jeannette Jacobs, Pauline Krampf and Miriam Stecher cordially invite the members of the Board to be their guests at a Luncheon to be followed by a meeting on Monday, December 3rd, at 12:30. Please make every effort to attend.

RESERVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 FOR OUR CHANUKAH MEETING

WE MOURN OUR LOSS BENJAMIN ETZKOWITZ

Benjamin Etzkowitz was a devoted Trustee and Secretary of our Board, Treasurer and Financial Secretary of our Men's Club, and regular worshiper at our daily services. Heartfelt condolences to his children, Dr. Henry and Dr. Janice.

CONDOLENCES

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

Harry Cohen—our Honorary Trustee, father of Mrs. Ruth Goldstein, Mrs. Shirley Greenfield and Morton Cohen.

Mathilda Friedlander—our congregant, mother of Claire.

Rosa Goldstein—sister of our member Mrs. Teresa Friedman, Miss Anne Goldstein and Mrs. Milton Stillerman.

Jula Goldwurm—wife of our Trustee Jean Goldwurm, sister of Willy Bilgrey, sister-in-law of our congregant Mrs. Rosalie Bilgrey, and aunt of our member Felix Bilgrey and Erica H. Trichter.

Louis L. Schwartz—father of Alfred Schwartz, member of our Advisory Board and Mr. & Mrs. League.

This is a personal request to our congregants to attend the daily Minchah services during the short winter days in order to assure our uninterrupted Minyanim.

"TAL UMATAR" IN SHMONEH ESREY AS OF TUESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 4

In the land of Israel a prayer for rain (Tal Umatar) is included in the ninth benediction of the shmoneh esrey amidah prayer (Bareych aleynu), beginning with the seventh day of Cheshvan. By this date "the last of the pilgrims had already managed to reach the Euphratres" in Jerusalem Temple days. From Shmini Atzeres until the seventh of Cheshvan we do not pray for rain, but we mention in the second benediction gevuros geshamim (the revelation of G-d's power through rain) by way of praise to G-d "Who causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall" (Mashiv haru'ach umorid hagashem).

In the diaspora where water is plentiful and there is not so great a need for rain, she'elat geshamim (the prayer for rain) is begun sixty days after the beginning of the "Tishrey-season." Since we calculate our tekufos (seasons) by the solar year, she'elat geshamim in the diaspora has no fixed day in our calendar which is based on the lunar months. It does however have a fixed date in the solar calendar; it being December 4th or December 5th, depending on the number of days in the month of February.

We pray for rain until Erev Pesach both in the land of Israel and in the diaspora.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Our Rabbi Dr. O. Asher Reichel was an honoree at the Yeshiva U. Rabbinic Alumni Convention.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bendheim will be the guests of honor at the Annual Dinner of the Manhattan Day School on Saturday night, January 19th, at the Lincoln Square Synagogue.

Vice President Harry Denberg, Treasurer Alexander Dimant and Trustee Julius Falkenstein were Kiddush hosts and Robert Hofbauer hosted a Seudah Shlishis.

Correction: Eugene H. Grosinger was among those who sent us New Year greetings.

Happy Birthday to:

(November 10-30)

Trustee Sol Bellsey, Joseph Buchsbaum, Trustee Murray Cumsky, Mrs. Arthur Degen, Mrs. Samuel Fisher, Jay Goodgold, Norman Grober, Lawrence Hecht, Rabbi Jason Jacobowitz, Harold Kaplan, Jay Kobrin, Richard Kobrin, George Landa, Penninah Langer, Elana Mamberg, Mrs. Aaron Neustadter, Karen Oppenheimer, Mrs. Harry Perlman, Mrs. Anna Robinov, Jeffrey Smith, Dr. Louis Wexler.

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Anniversary Greetings to the:

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Abraham Abramsons, William Balls, Abraham Coltons, Ted Diskinds, Rabbi Jason Jacobowitzs, Maurice Kalkers, Reuben Metchiks, Rabbi Hillel M. Reichels, Stello Robinsons, Maurice Spanbocks, Michael Sterns, Irving Streits, Marvin Sussmans, Frank Taks', Eugene Ten Brinks, Emanuel Yavnehs, Henry Zimmerns.

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Marriage

Constance, daughter of our Women's League Board member Mrs. Ruth Lessler, to Stanley Beskind of Weston, Conn.

Births

Leah, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Colton and granddaughter of our members Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goldner.

Leat Yosephat, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stello Robinson and granddaughter of our members Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gross.

Emily Sara, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Van Engel and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Van Engel.

Evan Howard, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Puchalsky and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Van Engel.

Gedalia, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Rubin and great-grandson of Mrs. Gertrude Adelson, our Women's League member.

Academics

Alan, son of our Treasurer & Mrs. Alexander Dimant, Baccalaureate from Tel Aviv University.

Carol Turobiner, granddaughter of our member Mrs. Lipa Silberstein, early admission to Barnard College from Y.U.H.S.

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