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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Week of Sept. 28 6:45, 7:50
 Minchah — Followed by
 Exposition of Halachos
 by Rabbi Reichel 6:30
 Friday, Oct. 1 — *Erev Succos*
 Light Candles Before 6:22
 Minchah 6:30
Kiddush in Succah All Yom Tov
 Saturday, Oct. 2 — SUCCOS I 9:00
 Minchah 6:15
 Light Festival Candles After 7:13
 Sunday, Oct. 3 — SUCCOS II 9:00
 Rabbi Reichel's Talmud *Brachos*
 Class (in English) 5:20
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud *Baba*
Metzeah Class (in Yiddish) 5:20
 Minchah 6:20
 Festival Ends 7:11
 Monday to Thursday — CHOL HAMOED
 Morning 6:30, 7:40
Breakfast in Succah
 Minchah 6:25
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OUR SUCCAH BEAUTIFUL

The Mr. & Mrs. League Succah Decorating Committee headed by Chairman Sally Goodgold and Co-Chairman Rose Schwarz, will decorate the Succah on Wednesday and Thursday nights, September 29th and 30th. Helping hands are welcome.

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 Yom Tov.

Pauline Krampf and Bertha Schneider will be in charge of arrangements.

SIMCHAS TORAH WEEKEND FOR SINGLES AT THE W.S.I.S.

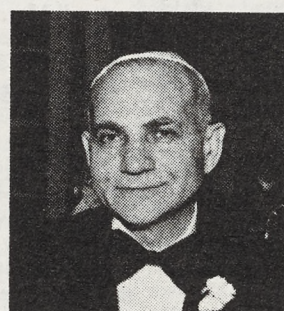
Many singles who would like to come to the West Side to celebrate Simchas Torah and to meet others will have a singular opportunity to do so this year. After months of searching, *Elite Singles* has leased a first class hotel in our vicinity and hired a Glatt Kosher caterer who will serve all meals in our ballroom. In addition to the exciting and jubilant Hakafos at the W.S.I.S. there will be guest speakers and entertainers to insure that the participants can meet and socialize after Shul services are over. Call *Elite Singles* at 750-8471 at once to secure reservations for the entire package or just for the meals and programs.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY MARCH 6
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OUR HONORED CHASSANIM FOR SIMCHAS TORAH



Avi Bialer



Samuel Gursky



Max Redisch

Avi Bialer, the *Chassan Torah*, will be called to the closing *Aliyah* of the Torah. Mr. Bialer, though no stranger to us, was a long-time Vice President and Gabbai of our neighboring Congregation Shaare Torah until its doors closed this year. We are delighted that he and his wife, Minnie, have now become an integral part of our Synagogue. He is a devoted member of the Bobover Yeshiva and Jewish Friends Society, Central European Refugees.

Max Redisch, our *Chassan Breishis*, will be called up for the first *Aliyah* in Genesis. The Redischs' association with the WSIS goes back several decades when they brought their daughter to Hebrew School. Mr. Redisch is an Advisory Board member and his wife, Helen, is Co-President of our Women's League. He is a life member of the United Hebrew Community, Chevra Bikur Cholim in Philadelphia and is affiliated with the Morya Congregation. Before his retirement he was well known for his specialized custom leather handbags.

Samuel Gursky, the *Chassan Maftir*, will chant the *Haftorah* from the *Book of Joshua*. The Gurskys have been members of the WSIS since 1948. A prominent attorney, he has been a long-time Trustee and officer of the Men's Club. He was just appointed Co-Chairman of our Synagogue's Annual Dinner. He shares the Co-Chairmanship of our annual Bazaar with his wife, Betty, who is also President of the Mr. & Mrs. League and past President of our P.T.A. Mr. Gursky is President of the A.N.I. Association (a philanthropic organization), a member of B'nai B'rith and Judge Advocate of the J.W.V. Free Sons of Israel Post. Mr. Gursky came out of the Army with the rank of Captain where he was a trial counsel in the Judge Advocate General's office in Paris.

Chassanim Party on Saturday, October 23

The Chassanim will be the hosts of a festive Seudah Shlishis on Saturday, October 23rd following Minchah at 4:30 o'clock. All our congregants, men and women, are welcome.

PRAYER SCHEDULE (Continued)

Friday, Oct. 8 — HOSHANA RABBAH	
Morning Services	6:15, 7:15
<i>Breakfast in Succah</i>	
Light Sabbath and Festival	
Candles Before	6:10
Minchah	6:20
Saturday, Oct. 9 — SHMINI ATZERES	
Morning — YIZKOR	8:40
Minchah	6:15
HAKAFOS at Maariv	
Light Festival Candles	
After Sabbath Ends	7:01
Sunday, Oct. 10 — SIMCHAS TORAH	
Morning — HAKAFOS	8:50
<i>Rabbi & Mrs. Reichel At Home 3:30 to 5:30</i>	
Minchah	6:10
Festival Ends	6:59
Week of Oct. 11 — Minchah	6:05
Friday, Oct. 15 — Candles by	5:59
Minchah	6:05
Saturday, Oct. 16 — Sedrah: <i>Breishis</i>	
Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class	8:30
Morning	9:00
<i>Blessing of New Chodesh</i>	
Talmud Classes	4:50
Minchah	5:50
Seudah Shlishis	
Host: Robert Hofbauer	
Sabbath Ends	6:50
Week of October 17	
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	5:55
Friday, Oct. 22 — Candles by	5:49
Minchah	5:55
Saturday, Oct. 23 — Sedrah: <i>Noach</i>	
Sedrah Class	8:30 / Service... 9:00
Talmud Classes	3:30
Minchah	4:30
<i>Chassanim Seudah Shlishis</i>	
Sabbath Ends	6:41
Week of Oct. 24 — Minchah	5:50
Fri., Oct. 29 — Candles by	5:39
Minchah	5:45
Sat., Oct. 30 — Sedrah: <i>Lech Lecha</i>	
Sedrah Class	8:30 / Services... 9:00
Talmud Classes	4:30
Minchah	5:30
Sabbath Ends	6:33
TURN CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR	
Week of Oct. 31 — Minchah	4:40
Fri., Nov. 5 — Candles by	4:31
Minchah	4:40
Sat., Nov. 6 — Sedrah: <i>Vayera</i>	
Sedrah Class	8:30 / Services... 9:00
Talmud Classes	3:25 / Minchah... 4:25
Sabbath Ends	5:25

*Beginning with Standard Time (in November)
Kree'as Shma should be recited before 9 a.m.
— thus before coming to services on Saturday morning.*

**UJA PLEDGES MAY BE REDEEMED
AND ISRAEL BONDS MAY BE
ORDERED AT THE
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MEN'S CLUB NOTES**BREAKFAST MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 24****PLAQUE TO BE DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF
PAST PRESIDENT FREDERICK GOLDSTEIN**

Members of the Men's Club are cordially invited to the monthly Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, October 24th, at 10 A.M. On this occasion a plaque will be dedicated in memory of our past president, Frederick E. Goldstein, sponsored by the Goldstein Family.

**CHILDREN INVITED TO
SIMCHAS TORAH SERVICES****Saturday Night, Oct. 9
and Sunday Morning, Oct. 10**

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 *hakafos* (Torah processions). They will also be presented with sweets with the compliments of our Women's League.

YOUNG COUPLES

Young marrieds in our community are cordially invited to participate in the forthcoming events of our Young Couples Club. The season's first Get-Together will take place after the Holidays. We will be glad to send personal invitations to all interested — just call Mrs. Trudy Zimmern at 595-6921.

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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:

Sara Altman — our Women's League Board member, wife of our Trustee Harry Altman, mother of Dorothy Reich.

Emma Bellsey — wife of our Trustee Solomon Bellsey, mother of Irving, Ira, Rita Streim and Beverly Abramson.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NEWS

Gerda Benjamin

Congratulations to Mrs. Gerard (Gerda) Benjamin upon her election as Treasurer of the Mr. & Mrs. League. She succeeds Mrs. Alfred (Erna) Florsheim who served with distinction.

The Succah Supper Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, October 6th. For further details please call Mrs. Samuel Gursky at SC 4-1854.

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George Allan Cahn — son of Mr. & Mrs. James Cahn, grandson of our member Otto Vogel.

Shirley and Meyer Gellis — sister and brother-in-law of Cecile Cane, our Women's League Board member, and of Claire Weisberg, its Social Secretary.

Dr. Morton Hertz — our congregant, husband of Frances, father of Neil.

Anna Wohl — mother of Jack and Elliot, sister of our member David Pretner.

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

SUCCOS OPEN MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 4

Members and prospective members are cordially invited to attend a festive OPEN MEETING on Monday, October 4th at 12:30 P.M. Our *Guest Speaker* will be our own Rabbi, *Dr. O. Asher Reichel*. In his usual interesting style he will give us vignettes of Succos. Hostesses for the afternoon will be Sophia Karpf, Rose Liberman and Ida Shlansky.

Following the meeting all the ladies are invited to visit our beautiful Synagogue Succah and recite the blessings over the *lulav* and *esrog*.

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Jeannette Jacobs has been appointed Chairman of the Succah Fund. Checks for this purpose should be sent to the Women's League.

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BOARD MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 18

Helen Bernath, Lillian Goldstein, and Betty Gursky cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a Board Meeting on Monday, October 18th at 12:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

TO HOST A SABBATH KIDDUSH OR A SEUDAH SHLISHIS PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE

Join Our Succos Services Beginning Friday Eve, Oct. 1

On Friday eve, October 1st, we usher in the Festival of Tabernacles. Following the solemn High Holidays, it is in contrast a time of thanksgiving and joy.

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.

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

The Four Species

The essence of the mitzvah is to hold the four species in the hand. 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 dew." 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).

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 *hakafah* (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.

The Aravah

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 *aravas* (extra willows) which are taken on that day after the esrog and lulav are set aside also alludes to prayer. 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

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The Prayer for Rain

"During the Succos Festival there is judgment over water."

Beginning with *Musaf* of Shmini Atzeres, we include *MASHIV HARUACH UMO-RID HAGESHEM* in the *Shmone Esrei*. An announcement is made before the silent *Musaf* to include the *MASHIV HARUACH* which is recited until Passover.

It would have been proper to mention rain (*Mashiv haruach umorid hageshem*) 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

GETTING PERSONAL

Our best wishes to our member, Morris Kantor, who is going on Aliyah.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Shlansky were Sabbath Kiddush hosts.

Among those who helped at our recent Bazaar was David S. Brandwein.

Our thanks to the Harlem Savings Bank for the specially inscribed colorful Jewish wall calendars. These are available in the Synagogue office.

MAZAL TOV**Births**

Shari to Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sussman, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Bernath, our Women's League Board member.

Shlomit to Dr. & Mrs. Seymour Ukeles, granddaughter of our members Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ukeles.

Engagement

Robin, daughter of our members Mr. & Mrs. Olek Lejbzon, to Arthur, son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Friedman of Baltimore, Md.

A TIMELY THOUGHT

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 time that they occupied throughout the year and their Yom Kippur pledge.

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(Oct. 1-12)

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(Oct. 13-31)

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Happy Anniversary to the:

(Oct. 1-12)

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