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

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. *Elite Singles* has leased a first class hotel in our vicinity and a Glatt Kosher caterer will serve all meals in our ballroom. In addition to the jubilant Hakafof 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 for reservations for the entire package or just for the meals and programs.

CHILDREN INVITED TO SIMCHAS TORAH SERVICES

Thursday Night, September 29
and Friday Morning, September 30

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

HOSHANA RABBAH

Wednesday, September 28

During the first six festival days, there is one *hakafof* (circling of the *bimah*) with the *lulav* and *esrog* while on Hoshana Rabbah (the last day of Succos) there are seven *hakafof*s. This custom recalls the Sanctuary where the Cohanim encircled the altar with praise and joy once each day and seven times on Hoshana Rabbah.

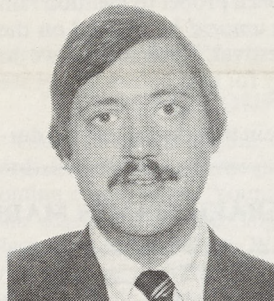
Hoshana Rabbah is the last day for the observance of the Four Species and Succah. It is called Hoshana Rabbah ("rabbah" — numerous), since more *hoshanos* are said on this day than on all the previous days of the festival.

The Aravah on Hoshana Rabbah

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.

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

OUR HONORED CHASSANIM FOR SIMCHAS TORAH Festive Seudah Shlishis on Saturday October 8



Steven Goldstein



Dr. Leon Merkin

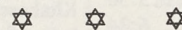


Ignace Rhodes

Our Advisory Board member and regular worshiper, Ignace Rhodes, the Chassan Torah, will be called to the closing *aliyah* of the Torah. Born in Bavaria, Germany, he came to the United States in 1938, where he married Lina Levi, who is a member of our Women's League. Mr. Rhodes was active in several congregations including Board membership of Congregation Ramat Orah and the Vice-Presidency of Congregation Ohel Yaakov, which conferred upon him the title of *Chaver*. He has been a manufacturer of electronic equipment for the food industry — his business has taken him to many parts of the world. The Rhodes' are gratified that they were able to rescue their respective parents and bring them to America. Their daughter, Gail, is married to George Koevary, a lawyer, and they have two sons, Jonathan and Daniel.

Dr. Leon Merkin, who has been affiliated with the WSIS since 1948, is our Chassan Breishis and will be called to the Torah for the first *aliyah* in *Genesis*. He earned his medical degree in Berlin and practiced in Germany and then in England during the War. Though now retired after serving for thirty years as Attending Physician at Roosevelt Hospital, his prolific pen (in English, Yiddish and German) continues to produce medical articles as well as another book to appear soon following his *The Old Age Story*. As a child in his Russian-Polish town he was a pupil of the renowned Chaim Nachman Bialik. As was his late artist wife, Rosa, Dr. Merkin is a Director of Friends of Bezalel, the Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem (its founder, Boris Schatz, was her great uncle). Their son, Theodore, Chief Civil Engineer of Greenburgh in Westchester County, and his wife, Betty, have two children, Harry and Susan.

One of our newest congregants, Steven Goldstein, will be the Chassan Maftir and will chant the Haftorah from the *Book of Joshua*. Hailing from Boston, he studied at Mesifita Torah Vodaath and graduated from Yeshiva College. He is a Senior Analyst at the Chase Manhattan Bank. His interest and concern for Judaism led him to the presidency of Congregation Kehillath Jacob as well as involvement in the West Side Jewish Community Council. He married Betsy Koplowitz, a Stern College graduate. They are the proud parents of Rena Ayelet, one of our most "outspoken" worshipers. They are both very active in our Young Couples Club — Betsy being the new Co-Chair.



The Chassanim will be the hosts of a festive Seudah Shlishis on Saturday, October 8th, following Minchah at 4:45 o'clock. All our congregants, men and women, are welcome.

aravah. What then do we have? Only mouths with which to pray like this *aravah* similar to a mouth.

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**UJA PLEDGES MAY BE REDEEMED
AND ISRAEL BONDS MAY BE
ORDERED AT THE
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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Sept. 25-27 — <i>Chol Hamoed</i>	
Sunday Shacharis	8:00
Breakfast in Succah thru Wed.	
Mon. & Tues. — Shacharis ...	6:30, 7:40
Minchah (Sun. thru Tues.)	6:35
Wed., Sept. 28 — <i>Hoshana Rabbah</i>	
Shacharis	6:15, 7:15
EIRUV TAVSHILIN	
Festival Candles ..	6:27 / Minchah .. 6:35
Thurs., Sept. 29 — <i>Shmeenee Atzeres</i> ..	9:00
YIZKOR	
Minchah	6:30
HAKAFOS AT MAARIV	
Light Festival Candles After Services	
Fri., Sept. 30 — <i>Simchas Torah</i>	8:30
HAKAFOS	
Sabbath Candles Before	6:23
Minchah	6:30
Sat., Oct. 1 — Sedrah: <i>Breishees</i>	
Rabbi Reichel's Class on Sedrah ...	8:30
Shacharis	9:00
BLESSINGS FOR NEW CHODESH	
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud	
Brachos Class (in English)	5:30
Minchah ..	6:15 / Sabbath Ends .. 7:14
Week of Oct. 2	
Sunday Morning	8:30
Mon. to Thurs. Shacharis	6:45, 7:50
Minchah — Followed by Exposition	
of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel ...	6:20
Fri., Oct. 7 — Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	
Shacharis	6:30, 7:40
Candles by 6:12 / Minchah	6:20
Sat., Oct. 8 — <i>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</i>	
Sedrah (<i>Noach</i>) Class	8:30
Shacharis	9:00
Minchah	4:45
Chassanim Seudah Shlishis	
Sabbath Ends	7:03
Week of Oct. 9 — Minchah	6:10
Fri., Oct. 14 — Candles by	6:00
Minchah	6:10
Sat., Oct. 15 — Sedrah: <i>Lech Lecha</i>	
Sedrah Class ...	8:30 / Shacharis ... 9:00
Talmud Class ...	5:00 / Minchah ... 5:45
Seudah Shlishis	
Host: Robert Hofbauer	
Sabbath Ends	6:51
Week of Oct. 16 — Minchah	6:00
Fri., Oct. 21 — Candles by	5:50
Minchah	6:00
Sat., Oct. 22 — Sedrah: <i>Vayera</i>	
Sedrah Class ...	8:30 / Shacharis ... 9:00
Talmud Class ...	5:00 / Minchah ... 5:40
Sabbath Ends	6:43
Week of Oct. 23 — Minchah	5:50
Fri., Oct. 28 — Candles by	5:40
Minchah	5:50
Sat., Oct. 29 — Sedrah: <i>Chayei Sarah</i>	
Sedrah Class ...	8:30 / Shacharis ... 9:00
Talmud Class ...	4:45 / Minchah ... 5:30
Sabbath Ends	6:34
TURN CLOCK AHEAD	
Week of Oct. 30 — Minchah	4:40

CALENDARS AVAILABLE

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

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

BREAKFAST MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Members and prospective members of the Men's Club are invited to the monthly Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, October 30th, at 10:00 o'clock. A public lecture will follow (see page 4).

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The Prayer for Rain

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

Beginning with Musaf of Shmeenee Atzeres, we include MASHIV HARUACH UMORID HAGESHEM in the Shmoneh 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 hagashem*) on the first day of the Festival. Nevertheless, we do not explicitly pray for rain before Shmeenee Atzeres.

The Sages explain that the fall of rain dur-

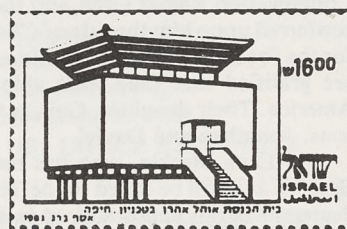
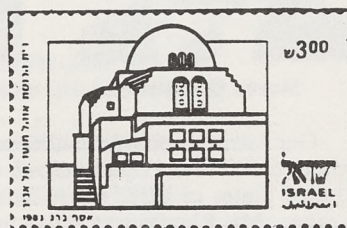
ing the Festival would prevent the fulfillment of the mitzvah of Succah. For this reason rain is not mentioned until the people of Israel have left their Succos and reentered their homes.

Simchas Torah

Why do we begin with *Breishis* on *Simchas Torah*? The Sages have said (*Sifree Va'eschanan*): In order to show that the Torah is beloved to us like a new object and not like an old command which a person does not submit to — it is like a new one towards which everyone runs.

From THE BOOK OF OUR HERITAGE
by Eliyahu Kitov

ISRAEL STAMPS MARK "YEAR OF COURAGE"



Israel is celebrating its new year — the year 5744 in the Hebrew calendar — with a set of four commemoratives devoted to its synagogues, which are not only houses of worship for Jews, but are also considered as the repositories of sacred writ and law and the teachings of the prophets.

The year 5744 has already been proclaimed the "Year of Courage" by Israel. This year's special "Mo-adim Lesimcha" — Happy Holidays — are continuing a custom of the last 35 years. The choice of the synagogue motif carries a connotation that it is a time for contemplation and worship, as well as rejoicing, for the troubled Israelis.

The stamp of highest value depicts the most unusual synagogue of the four, the modern Eliyahu Khakaseni Synagogue in Beer Sheva. The structure, of cast concrete, is in the form of a tent. Its design was inspired by the verses of Genesis: "And he went up from thence to Beer Sheva... and pitched his tent there." The construction is as a single chamber without columns in the shape of the Star of David.

The sidewalls of the tent form windows for light and ventilation and are constructed of iron grills repeating the Star of David motif. The synagogue's apex is of transparent plastic material

that admits daylight. At night, the interior is illuminated so that from afar it resembles a shining star.

A synagogue that evokes echoes of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I., appears on a 16-shekel stamp. It is the Ohel Aharon Synagogue on the campus of the Technion on Mount Carmel in Haifa. It was built in 1969 in the traditions of Israel as "a House of Prayer, a House of Study and a Meeting Place." Like the Touro Synagogue, the podium from which the Torah is read is in the center of the square interior. The building, of unfinished concrete and Galilee marble, is supported on four pillars and has a roof in the form of an inverted monastic vault.

The 12-shekel stamp pictures the synagogue of the Yeshurun Society in the center of Jerusalem, built in the 1930's when Britain held a mandate over Palestine.

On the lowest value stamp of the set is the Ohel Moed Synagogue, the central synagogue of the Sephardic community of Tel Aviv. The structure, in Byzantine style, has a dome in the form of 15 polygonal steps to reflect the 15 Songs of Degrees in the Book of Psalms.

From Stamps Page of N. Y. Times
By Samuel Tower

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

BOARD MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 3

Minnie Bialer, Lenore Friedman and Ruth Segal cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a Board Meeting on Monday, October 3rd at 12:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

OPEN MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 24

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on Monday, October 24th at 12:30 P.M. Program: Local Talent. Refreshments.

Our thanks to Bertha Schneider for a monumental job as Succah Fund Chairman.

The National Convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, composed of Orthodox Sisterhoods throughout the U.S.A. and Canada, will be held November 6-8 at the Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Canada. Lady Amilie Jakobovitz will be the Keynote Speaker. For reservations contact our Rebbitzin, Josephine Reichel.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE

The hosts at the opening Board meeting of the season on Wednesday, October 10th, will be Mr. & Mrs. Max Schwarz.

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

SABBATH KIDDUSH NOTES

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Bertha Schneider has been appointed Chair of our Synagogue's Kiddush Hostesses Committee. Our ladies are urged to contact Mrs. Schneider and offer their assistance — call 873-1766.

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 seat they occupied throughout the year and their Yom Kippur pledge.

CONDOLENCES

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

Isabelle Grossinger — mother of Eugene and Herbert.

Sarah Hofbauer — our Women's League member, wife of our Advisory Board member, Robert Hofbauer, sister of Dr. Jacob Halpern, Mrs. E. Dunkelman and Mrs. Molly Levine.

George Jacoby — our congregant, brother of Estelle, Rose, Doris, Harry and our congregant, Jack.

Rudolph Ornstein — our member, husband of Edith, father of Ruth Robbins.

Benjamin Terner — our congregant.

Nathan Werblud — our Advisory Board member, husband of our Women's League Board member, Ruth, father of our member, Maurice, and Mrs. Pauline Grubin.

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 Chair Trudy Zimmern at 595-6921 or Co-Chair Betsy Goldstein at 874-2449.

ADDITIONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

from

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Happy Birthday to:

(Oct. 1-12)

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(Oct. 13-31)

Mrs. Irving Bellsey, Mrs. Edward Berkowitz, Craig Bisgeier, Dorian Faust, H. Don Golden, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Dr. Maurice Goodgold, Anna Gross, Trustee Fred Heiser, David Heiser, Mrs. Alfred Herz, Roy Hines, Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Jay Klein, Mrs. Joshua Levine, Mrs. Sol Redlich, Mrs. Frank Taks, Mrs. Michael Weingarten, Mrs. Louis Wexler, Cyrus Yavneh.

Happy Anniversary to the:

(Oct. 1-12)

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(Oct. 13-31)

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Torah Umesorah Dinner — Sunday, November 13 at the Vista International. For reservations call 406-4190.

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DAVID KAMERMAN HONORED ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday evening, August 24th, a convocation of our Board of Trustees was held in our Synagogue honoring our esteemed Advisory Board member and steady worshiper, Mr. David Kamerman, in celebration of his 90th birthday. A long-time business associate of Mr. Kamerman, Mr. Kay Sugahara, Chairman of the Board of the prestigious conglomerate of shipping and trading, Fairfield-Maxwell, Ltd., felt that Mr. Kamerman's synagogue would be the most conducive environment in which to express his long-time admiration and friendship by presenting him with a Steuben vase and by making a donation to the WSIS in his honor on this occasion.

Mr. Sugahara has experienced the trials and tribulations of minorities first hand, for he was evacuated to an internment camp for Japanese-Americans at the beginning of World War II. He became Founder and Chairman of the United States-Asia Institute in order to bring East and West closer. It is in this spirit that he has a special affinity for Mr. Kamerman's religiosity and integrity.

Our Rabbi, Dr. Reichel presided at the convocation. Participating in the program were President William Foont, Jerome Kamerman, Mr. Sugahara, and the celebrant. The elegant reception which followed was hosted by Martha and David Kamerman, and Vice-President Harry Denberg.

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THE EYES OF A JOURNALIST"**

GERSHON JACOBSON

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Question and Answer period.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Mrs. Bobbye S. Goldstein, wife of our Trustee Gabriel F. Goldstein, spoke at the European Congress in Reading, held in Vienna this summer.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Krampf hosted a Seudah Shlishis.

GRADUATE

Congratulations to Dr. Jeffrey Mark, son of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Finkelstein and grandson of our members, Mr. & Mrs. (Women's League Assistant Treasurer) Abraham Schneider upon his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He is also a third year student at the Medical College of Pennsylvania as part of the combined M.D.-D.M.D. program.

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