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WHY ADAR I & II

5744 is a leap year. 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 four special *Parshios* 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* is omitted as are fasting and eulogies.

Why is Purim celebrated during a leap year on Adar II? Two answers are given: The year of Haman's decree was a leap year and it occurred during the second Adar. Also by celebrating Purim during the second Adar we place "one redemption adjacent to another" — the redemption of Esther to the redemption from Egypt in Nisan.

Why was the month of Adar chosen for a leap year? When the Torah commanded the people of Israel to sanctify the months (Exodus 12) it also stated: "Observe the month of spring and you shall make a Pass-over unto the L-rd your G-d" (Deuteronomy 16). That is to say simultaneously with our fixing of the months in accord with the *lunar calendar* we are also commanded to make certain that the month of Nisan should always occur in the spring season of the *solar year*. How can we reconcile the two requirements? Thus, it was ordained that we should intercalate years: some years should be regular consisting of 12 months; and that the intercalated years should consist of 13 months. After several regular years pass and the differential of days between them and the solar years add up to approximately one month, we add another month before Nisan in order that Nisan should always fall in the spring, and that it might never fall at a greater distance from its proper time than 20 odd days.

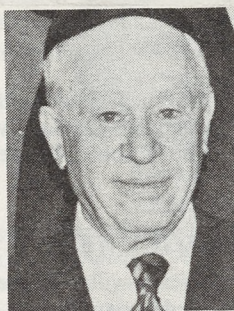
For the sake of correspondence between the lunar months and the solar year we fix nineteen year cycles in each of which the number of regular years and of intercalated years is constant. Every nineteen-year cycle has twelve regular years and seven intercalated years. The 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years in each cycle are always intercalated and each contains two Adars.

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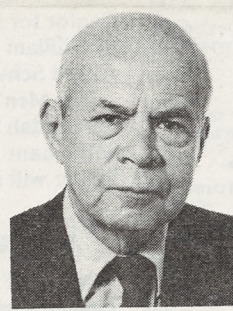
One born during Adar of a regular year and the year of his Bar Mitzvah occurs during a leap year, he does not become Bar Mitzvah until the second Adar. If, however, the year of his birth was a leap year, he becomes Bar Mitzvah in the respective Adar I or II.

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W.S.I.S. DINNER TO HONOR WILLIAM AND SYLVIA FOONT COUPLE OF THE YEAR SUNDAY, MARCH 25 AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA



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We call upon all our members and congregants to participate in honoring our Past President and Mrs. William Foont at our Annual Dinner, Sunday, March 25th, at The Waldorf-Astoria, and to place advertisements and greetings in the Souvenir Journal in conjunction with the affair. Let us hear from you soon.

A schedule of Journal rates appears on page 3.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Week of Jan. 29		
Sunday Morning	8:30	
Daily Mornings	6:45, 7:50	
Minchah followed by Exposition of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel	5:00	
Fri., Feb. 3 — <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</i>		
Shacharis	6:30, 7:40	
Candles by ... 4:57 / Minchah	5:05	
Sat., Feb. 4 — <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</i>		
Sedrah: <i>Terumah</i>		
Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class	8:30	
Shacharis	9:00	
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud		
<i>Brachos</i> Class (in English)	4:10	
Minchah ... 4:55 / Sabbath Ends	5:54	
Week of Feb. 5 — Minchah		5:10
Fri., Feb. 10 — Candles by		5:06
Minchah		5:15
Sat., Feb. 11 — Sedrah: <i>Tezaveh</i>		
Sedrah Class ... 8:30 / Shacharis	9:00	
Talmud Class ... 4:15 / Minchah	5:00	
Sabbath Ends		6:02
Week of Feb. 12 — Minchah		5:15
Fri., Feb. 17 — Candles by		5:14
Minchah		5:20
Sat., Feb. 18 — Sedrah: <i>Kee Seesa</i>		
Sedrah Class ... 8:30 / Shacharis	9:00	
Talmud Class ... 4:30 / Minchah ...	5:10	
Sabbath Ends		6:10
Week of Feb. 19 — Minchah		5:25
Monday Shacharis (Legal Holiday) ..		8:15
Fri., Feb. 24 — Candles by		5:22
Minchah		5:30
Sat., Feb. 25 — Sedrah: <i>Vayakheil</i>		
Sedrah Class ... 8:30 / Shacharis	9:00	
Talmud Class ... 4:30 / Minchah ...	5:15	
Sabbath Ends		6:18
Week of Feb. 26 — Minchah		5:35
Fri., Mar. 2 — Candles by		5:29
Minchah		5:35
Sat., Mar. 3 — Sedrah: <i>Pekudei</i>		
Sedrah Class ... 8:15 / Shacharis ...	8:30	
<i>Parshas Shekolim</i>		
<i>Blessing of Chodesh Adar II</i>		
Sun., Mar. 18 — <i>PURIM</i>		

We appeal to our congregants to attend the daily morning and Minchah services in order to assure our uninterrupted Minyanim.

ADAR I & II (Continued from page 1)

The *yahrzeit* for one who died in a regular Adar is observed in both Adars of a leap year (with priority privileges in leading the services only in Adar I).

Adapted from The Book of Our Heritage by Eliyahu Kitov

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From The Albany Knickerbocker News, December 9, 1983

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

MEN'S CLUB SABBATH
FEBRUARY 11

Chairman Abraham Schneider

On Men's Club Sabbath, February 11th, the members will again have the opportunity to apply their talents in leading the services: Alex Kirsh Cantor for Friday eve, Joel Sagall Psukei Dezimrah, Arthur Rogers Cantor for Shacharis and Mussaf, Haftorah by William T. Steinlauf, and the Sermon by Alfred Schwartz.

The Men's Club will host the Kiddush and the Seudah Shlishis at which Samuel Gursky will chant Minchah and Rabbi Moishe Pekier will speak.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bitner will host the League's meeting on Wednesday evening, February 16th. One half hour before the meeting Rabbi Reichel will lead in a discussion on gems in the current Sedrah, at 8:30 p.m.

CHOIR TO ACCOMPANY OUR
CANTOR JAN. 28 & MARCH 3

All our readers are invited to join the growing number of congregants attending our services on Shabbos Mevorchim when our Cantor is accompanied by his choir.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

President Alexander Rauchman

Congratulations to the officers who will be installed at the Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, February 12th at 9:30 A.M.: President Alexander Rauchman, First Vice-President Dr. Frank Fink, Second Vice-President Gerard Benjamin, Treasurer Joel Sagall, Recording Secretary Alex Kirsh, Sergeant-at-Arms Ned Kirsh.

YOUNG COUPLES
SHABBATON LUNCHEON
MARCH 17

Young Couples in our community are cordially invited to attend a Shabbaton Luncheon (with their children) on Saturday, March 17th, following our morning service. An interesting program is planned.

Paid reservations, \$6.00 per person (children \$3), should reach our office by March 9th. Please include address and telephone. For further details call Chair Trudy Zimmern at 595-6921 or Co-Chair Betsy Goldstein at 874-2449.

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Edith J. Gutwirth — wife of our congregant Abraham, and sister of Gertrude Binder and Herta Fellner.

Sender Kamiel — our member.

Sophia Karpf — our Women's League Board member, aunt of Jessica Bernbach

and Joseph Karpf.

Salomon Klagsbrun — our member, father of Dr. Samuel.

Henry Moed — member of our Mr. & Mrs. League, husband of Jessica, father of our Young Couples member, Melvyn, Sandra Mehl and Nicole Tratt, son of Jules and brother of Elza Weinman and Isy.

Sadie Oppenheimer — mother of Betty Merkin and mechateneste of our member, Dr. Leon Merkin.

Ruth Kessler Toch — our member, sister of our member, Leona Bisinger.

Cynthia Wechselbaum — niece of our Women's League Co-President Helen Redisch.

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

OPEN MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 6

Dr. Leon Merkin Guest Speaker

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an *OPEN MEETING* on Monday, February 6th at 12:30 P.M. Our Guest Speaker will be the eminent physician and author, Dr. Leon Merkin, who is also a member of our Congregation. He will discuss "Human Behavior and Food," a subject in his forthcoming book, *Human Behavior in Daily Life*. Men are also welcome to this lecture which will begin at 1:30 P.M.

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BOARD MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 20

Mmes. Minnie Bialer and Ruth Braff cordially invite the members of the *Executive Board* to be their guests at a *Board Meeting* to be held on Monday, February 20th at 12:30 P.M. Coffee and cake will be served.

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LINORE WARD GUEST OF HONOR AT DONOR LUNCHEON MONDAY FEB. 27 AT ESPLANADE



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(Feb. 1-13)

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(Feb. 14-28)

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(Feb. 14-28)

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